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The plan of the present report is similar to that of the reports of previous years, and the statements and tables appended are the same in form as those appended to the Report for 1888.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original Suits. Institutions.

2. The number of Civil Suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1888, was 448, and the number instituted during 1889 was 528, making a total of 976 cases for disposal in 1889.

The number of suits of each class instituted during 1889 was as follows:—

Suits for possession of immovable property	13
Suits for declaratory decrees	17
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	1
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	3
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	5
Suits for an account	92
Suits for dissolution of marriage	6
Suits for partition	41
Suits relating to shipping (Vice-Admiralty)	3
Administration Suits	18
Suits for dissolution of partnership	9
Suits under Section 261 of Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	4
Suits not falling under any of the previous heads	40
Suits for specific money claims	276
TOTAL	528

The value of suits for specific money claims was R25,05,192-13-3 in the past, as compared with R27,12,232 in the previous, year. This sum of R25,05,192-13-3 does not, however, include the value of several other classes of suits, and therefore does not represent the total value of the property in litigation.

	Decided.	Pending at the close of the year.
Original suits, including Vice-Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases	398	559
Divorce suits	3	16

Suits decided.

3. The number of suits decided in 1889 was 401, leaving 575 suits undisposed of at the end of the year.

Of the suits decided—

11 plaints were rejected or returned;
49 were dismissed for default or want of prosecution;
15 were withdrawn with leave;
17 were determined by compromise;
63 were decreed on confession;
117 were decreed *ex parte*;
7 were dismissed *ex parte*;
7 were decreed upon award;
84 cases were decreed after contest; and
31 cases were dismissed after contest.

Interlocutory applications.

4. There were also disposed of during the year 332 petitions for Probate and Letters of Administration, 1,969 interlocutory applications, including applications for injunctions, for the appointment of Receivers, for the discovery of documents, &c., and 229 applications for execution.

References to take accounts.

5. The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries in order to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of the year, was 84. Fresh references were directed by the Court during the year in 181 cases. Of the total number of 265 references, 175 were disposed of as follows: Eight by a Judge in Chambers, 146 by the Registrar, 7 by the Chief Clerk, and 11 by the Assistant Registrar. In 20 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of properties, ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after an enquiry into title and settlement of the conditions of sale.

The number of such references in 1887 and 1888 was 162 and 157 respectively.

Proclamations under Section 287.

6. During the year the Registrar further settled the proclamation of sale by the Sheriff in the ordinary course of execution in 16 cases, in all of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses. He also settled 17 conveyances, and inquired into the sufficiency of 318 sureties.

Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

7. The number of appeals from the Original to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1889 was 16, and 40 new appeals were preferred during the year, making a total of 56 for hearing. Of these, 6 were dismissed for default, one was remanded, and 25 were decided, the decrees of the Court of first instance being affirmed in 11 cases, reversed in 11 cases, and modified in 2 cases.

References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

8. Three references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes were pending at the commencement of 1889, and 9 fresh references were made during the year, making a total of 12. Of these, 8 were disposed of, one case being remanded for new trial, and the judgment of the Court below being confirmed in 5 cases and reversed in2.

Insolvent Cases.

9. The number of cases pending in the Insolvency Court at the commencement of the year was 95, and the number instituted during the year was 110, making a total of 205. Of these, 111 were disposed of, 2 cases being withdrawn, 25 dismissed, in 7 the adjudication being set aside, and in 77 the insolvents obtaining relief.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases disposed of, 49 were traders within the meaning of the Insolvent Act, 27 were private persons, and 35 were persons employed in public and other offices.

Orders.

10. There were also disposed of during the year 12 applications for *ad interim* protection, and 1,246 miscellaneous applications.

Duration of sittings.

11. For the hearing of original suits, including interlocutory and other applications, one Judge sat alone for 172 days, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 11 days, and a Bench consisting of two Judges sat for 6

days. References to take accounts occupied one Judge for four days. The Insolvent Court engaged the time of one Judge for 25 days, and two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for two days. The appeals from the Original Side and the references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes occupied a Bench of two Judges for 44 days.

12. There were three appeals to the Privy Council pending at the commencement of the year 1889, and four were admitted during the year, making a total of seven for disposal. Of these the transcript records in three cases were sent to the Privy Council. Appeals to the Privy Council.

13. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the High Court, on its Original Side, during 1889 :— Receipts and Expenditure.

RECEIPTS.	R	a.	p.
Commission of the Accountant General	13,382	2	6
Ditto on sales by the Registrar	13,778	2	8
Receiver's commission	28,732	15	5
Other fees realized by means of stamps	1,68,755	6	0
Fine realized from a Police Constable	1	0	0
	2,24,649	10	7
Probate and Administration duty	2,28,056	0	0
TOTAL	4,52,705	10	7

EXPENDITURE.			
Salaries of Judges	75,900	0	0
Establishment	1,65,243	7	6
Contingencies	16,310	1	5
TOTAL	2,57,453	8	11

There was an increase in the amount realized on Probate and Administration duty, being R2,28,056 in the past, as compared with R1,89,598 in the previous, year, but it was less than in 1887, when the realizations amounted to R3,73,268.

14. The number of existing accounts with the Bank of Bengal at the end of 1888 was 412, and 51 new accounts were opened and 36 were closed during the year 1889, leaving at its close 427 existing accounts. Accountant General's Office.

The suitors' funds operated upon through this office consisted at the end of 1889 of the following items:—

	R	a.	p.
Government securities for	80,92,600	0	0
Cash	2,94,804	6	6

The office also checked and countersigned during the year 491 cheques issued by the Official Assignee of the Court for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, for payment of dividends, &c.

The amount of commission realized and accounted for to Government during the year is shown under the heading of Receipts.

Other fees levied by this office during the year, amounting to R2,992, are included in the item of "Other fees realized by means of stamps."

15. The number of bills taxed during the year was as follows:— Taxing Office.

Party and Party	824
Attorney and Client	196
	1,020

The Court-fees for taxation during the year amounted to R17,416-9. This sum is also included in the item of "Other fees realized by means of stamps."

16. The following figures exhibit the financial results for the last three years, including the duty realized on the grant of Probate and Letters of Administration:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.*	Surplus.
	R	R	R
In 1887	6,18,978	1,91,660	4,27,318
„ 1888	4,28,612	1,93,084	2,35,528
„ 1889	4,52,704	1,81,553	2,71,151

* This does not include the salaries of the Judges employed on the Original Side.

The following table is given to show the financial results on the Original Side of the High Court for the last three years, without taking into account the duty realized on the grant of Probate and Letters of Administration and the salaries of the Judges employed on the Original Side:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
In 1887	2,45,710	1,91,660	54,050
„ 1888	2,39,014	1,93,084	45,930
„ 1889	2,24,648	1,81,553	43,095

Account, however, being taken of the salaries of the Judges sitting on the Original Side of the High Court, and receipts from Probates and Letters of Administration being excluded, there was a deficit during 1889 amounting to R36,805.

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Original Suits instituted, disposed of, and pending. (*Table A.*)

17. The total number of original suits instituted and decided in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court during each of the past three years, and the number pending at the close of those years, respectively, are shown below:—

Year.	Revived or received on remand or review.	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
In 1887 . . .	9,667	462,454	469,640	79,359
„ 1888 . . .	9,439	452,533	463,568	77,779*
„ 1889 . . .	9,741	457,021	461,298	83,239†

* Revised figures.

† For 1889, if the figure in the fourth column above be subtracted from the total of the second and third columns *plus* the number of cases pending from the previous year, the resultant figure showing the number of cases pending at the close of the year under report should be 83,243, instead of 83,239. The discrepancy is due to the fact that *four* cases have been omitted from the district returns, 3 of them being cases of transfer from one district to another, and the fourth being a case in which an order for remand was eventually set aside by the High Court.

The number of suits instituted shows an increase of 4,488 as compared with the institutions of 1888, and, though less than in 1887, it was considerably in excess of the number instituted in 1886, or in any other previous year. The number of cases disposed of, though less than in the two preceding years, was greater than the number disposed of in 1886; but the number of cases pending shows an increase even when compared with the figures for 1887. The number of suits on the files at the end of 1889 was greater by 5,460 than at the close of 1888, and it was, moreover, greater than at the end of any previous year, even than at the end of 1887, when the number of suits instituted was greatest. Of the suits remaining for trial 813 had been pending for more than one year, 5,433 for more than six months, and 29,517 for more than three months. The corresponding figures for 1888 were 551, 4,337, and 26,251. The state of the pending files, therefore, shows the accumulation of considerable arrears.

	Regular Civil Courts.	Small Cause Courts.
1887 . . .	408,527	53,927
1888 . . .	407,345	45,188
1889 . . .	412,059	44,982

The decrease in the number of cases instituted in the Provincial Courts of Small Causes, which was noticed in the Report for 1888, continued in 1889. There is a similar depression in business of the same class in the Ordinary Civil Courts. The Courts of Small Causes have also suffered by the withdrawal from their jurisdiction of suits for house-rent.

18. The variation in the number of suits instituted in the Regular Civil Courts exceeded 500 suits in each of the following districts :— Fluctuations in suits instituted.

Districts.	Institutions,		Increase.	Districts.	Institutions.		Decrease.
	1888.	1889.			1888.	1889.	
Midnapore . . .	20,237	22,405	2,168	Purneah . . .	11,777	9,620	2,157
Rungpore . . .	15,796	17,329	1,533	Tipperah . . .	27,416	25,601	1,815
Jessore . . .	28,486	29,828	1 342	Pubna and Bogra .	9,690	7,978	1,712
Backergunge . . .	27,262	28,601	1,339	Dacca . . .	23,775	22,695	1,080
Bhagulpore . . .	12,231	13,477	1,246				
Noakhally . . .	14,240	15,081	841				
Hooghly . . .	18,657	19,448	791				
Tirhoot . . .	9,628	10,376	748				
Shahabad . . .	7,478	8,119	641				

An examination of this return, and a comparison with those of previous years, show a tendency in many Districts to mount gradually in the table of increased litigation, and then, without any falling off in the general average, to disappear altogether from that category, and sometimes to appear among the Districts in which there has been diminished litigation. The return, therefore, is of only ephemeral interest.

Of the Districts shown to have the largest increase in litigation by comparison with that of the previous year, it is interesting to note that year by year, for the last four years, Hooghly alone has returned a progressive increase amounting to 3,877 suits in excess of the number instituted in 1885. A similar comparison shows that, with some fluctuation, Backergunge returns an increase of 2,726 suits, Midnapore of 2,434 suits, Rungpore of 1,889 suits, Jessore of 1,685 suits, and Shahabad of 779 suits.

On the other hand, of the Districts shown with diminished litigation in 1889, although the return of Purneah compares unfavourably with that of 1885, the difference is small, and it is slightly in excess of the return of 1887. In Tipperah the number of suits instituted, though smaller than in 1888, was considerably in excess of the returns for 1885-86-87. The District of Pubna and Bogra has been recently formed, so that it is premature to draw any inference from its returns. The litigation in Dacca, however, shows a considerable falling off except in comparison with 1885.

It is unnecessary to enter into further details or to refer to the fluctuation of business in particular Courts in any of these Districts. These are matters which have received notice on review of the reports and returns of each District.

The largest decrease in the number of cases instituted in the Courts of Small Causes occurred in the following Courts :—

Dacca	561
Pubna	400
Jessore	359
Monghyr	344
Narail	272

The largest increase was in Serampore (504), Howrah (323), Sealdah (315), Ranaghat (283), Midnapore (178), and Patna (151). These returns are, however, liable to the same influences in fluctuation as those already mentioned with regard to the general litigation.

Suits decided.

19. In the following districts the increase or decrease in the number of suits decided by the Regular Civil Courts, as compared with the work of the previous year, exceeded 500 suits :—

Districts.	Decided.		Increase.	Districts.	Decided.		Decrease.
	1888.	1889.			1888.	1889.	
Backergunge . .	27,705	29,794	2,089	Tipperah . . .	27,134	25,263	1,871
Midnapore . . .	21,075	22,913	1,838	Purneah . . .	11,670	10,432	1,238
Chittagong . . .	15,268	16,269	1,001	Moorshedabad . .	12,381	11,186	1,195
Rungpore . . .	16,263	16,922	659	Mymensingh . . .	29,788	28,661	1,127
Noakhally . . .	14,244	14,815	571	Dacca	24,003	22,961	1,042
				Hooghly . . .	20,163	19,521	642
				Pubna and Bogra . .	9,590	9,001	589
				Rajshahye . . .	9,450	8,885	565
				Burdwan . . .	13,464	12,926	538

Additional officers were employed in Backergunge, Chittagong, and Noakhally, and this probably explains the increase in the number of suits decided. Nevertheless, there were still some old cases in Backergunge which had been under trial for more than one year, chiefly before the Subordinate Judges. In Chittagong, as many as 27 original suits had been pending for periods exceeding one year; these cases appeared on the files of nearly every Court. The number of suits decided in Rungpore, though in excess of that of the previous year, falls short of suits instituted, so that the pending files have increased; the number of suits pending for more than one year was large. There was an accumulation of business before the Munsifs of Rungpore, Kurigram, and Gaibanda. With the exception of Chittagong, where the difference is almost nominal, all the districts which show an increase in cases decided, show a corresponding increase in the number instituted.

It is noteworthy that, with the exception of Hooghly and Burdwan, the Districts which show the greatest decrease in cases decided, also show a considerable falling-off in the number of cases instituted. But a reference to returns of 1888 shows that in several of these Districts there was a considerable increase of business in that year, so that the Courts were called upon to deal with a greater number of suits. In Tipperah, the pending files have considerably increased, and there was a large number of cases pending for more than one year. The Courts in Purneah disposed of a fair amount of work, and apparently had their business under control, the pending files having been considerably reduced, and no cases being shown as under trial for more than one year at the close of 1889. The decrease in the number of suits decided in Moorshedabad may to some extent be accounted for by the larger number of more contested and difficult title suits. Five original suits remained under trial for more than one year, and the explanations offered show that this was due to unavoidable delay in obtaining the reports of Commissioners. Judged by numerical returns, a fair amount of work was disposed of in Mymensingh, but the files were still heavily in arrear. The staff of officers in this district is, no doubt, very inadequate. In Dacca, the heavy pending files, especially before the Munsifs of Dacca and Kaligunge, are not satisfactory. The files at Manikgunge and Munshigunge also show more cases than seem compatible with regular and promptly executed work. The state of the business in this District cannot be regarded as at all satisfactory, but it is in a great measure due to the Munsifs being called upon to deal with more business than they can properly control. In Hooghly the number of suits decided during 1889 was somewhat short of that decided in the previous year, notwithstanding the employment of three additional Munsifs. This, it is observed, was caused by the smaller outturn of work at Serampore, Jehanabad, and Howrah, and the

returns further show an increase in the pending files in all the Courts, except at Serampore and Ampta. At the latter station work has, with the assistance of an additional Munsif during 1888 and 1889, been brought into a manageable state. The Courts generally are working under high pressure, from which it is impossible at present to relieve them, but notwithstanding this the arrears at Ampta, although still considerable, have been very appreciably reduced. The Serampore files (original and execution) are still in a very unsatisfactory state, which, with the large accession to the Judicial staff at that place, was not expected. A smaller number of suits was decided during 1889 in Pubna and Bogra; but inasmuch as that number was much in excess of the number instituted, the pending files were considerably reduced. In Rajshahye, the number of suits decided was less than in either of the three previous years, and the pending files have consequently increased.

Corresponding with, but not equivalent to, the decrease in the number of suits instituted in the Courts of Small Causes, there was a slight decrease of 1,319 in the number of cases decided by those Courts, which was most marked in the following instances:—

	Cases decided.		
	1888.	1889.	Decrease.
Dacca	3,680	3,150	530
Monghyr	1,691	1,250	441
Pubna	1,908	1,543	365
Narail	2,363	2,025	338
Jessore	2,996	2,741	255

20. In the following 12 districts the increase in the pending files is considerable:— Pending files of Original suits. (*Table A.*)

	Number pending at the close of		
	1888.	1889.	Increase.
Jessore	4,927	6,592	1,665
Rungpore	2,032	2,702	670
Tipperah	5,367	6,010	643
Furreedpore	3,035	3,638	603
Burdwan	2,421	2,925	504
Noakhally	2,251	2,728	477
Hooghly	3,774	4,244	470
Tirhoot	2,009	2,373	364
Shahabad	1,383	1,737	354
Sarun	1,975	2,299	324
Bankoora	1,434	1,749	315
Dinagepore	702	981	279

Additional officers were employed during 1889 in Jessore, Tipperah, Noakhally, Hooghly, and Sarun. In all of these districts, save Tipperah, there was an increase in the number of suits instituted; and in Jessore, Rungpore, Furreedpore, Noakhally, Tirhoot, and Bankoora, the pending files have increased in spite of the fact that the number of cases disposed of was more numerous than in the preceding year. The increase in the pending files at Tipperah, Burdwan, Hooghly, Shahabad, Sarun, and Dinagepore, follows a decrease in the number of suits decided in those districts.

The files of the following districts are also heavy, and are in excess of the numbers reported for the preceding year:—

Mymensingh	6,562 suits.
Dacca	4,664 „

The nineteen Additional Munsiffs, whose appointment was first sanctioned in 1887 for employment in 14 districts, were entertained throughout the year. One Additional Munsif, whose temporary entertainment was sanctioned towards the end of 1888, continued to be employed up to the 4th February of the year under review. Eleven more Additional Munsifs were also sanctioned in March, 1889, and

permission has been given to retain these thirty Munsifs until the receipt of orders on Mr. Stevens' Report. In June, 1889, application was made to the Government of Bengal for the further appointment of 13 Additional Munsifs, pending orders on the same Report, to relieve the urgent pressure in some of the Courts, but the Government sanctioned the provisional employment of only six Additional Munsifs for six months. These officers in the course of last December were attached to six different Districts. Since the close of the year sanction has also been received to the continued retention of these 6 officers till the issue of final orders regarding the necessity for permanent increase to the Subordinate Judicial Service.

Original suits and appeals pending for more than a year. (*Table B.*)

	1888.	1889.
Original suits	551	813
Appeals	335	366

21. The number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the close of each of the years 1888 and 1889 is given on the margin. These arrears are greater than have ever been returned by the Civil Courts, and they are distributed among the different Districts. In only three Districts are no such arrears of original suits returned, while eight Districts only are free from arrears on their appellate files.

Of the original suits thus shown, 502 were pending in the Courts of Munsifs and 311 in the Courts of District and Subordinate Judges. The largest numbers are to be found in Jessore (145), Dacca (110), 24-Pergunnahs (74), Tipperah (71), Hooghly (50), Rajshahye (50), Chota-Nagpore (48), Patna (35), Mymensingh (34), and Chittagong (27); while in each of the districts of Gya, Sarun, Bhagulpore, Furreedpore, and Rungpore, there were more than 10 suits of such duration.

In Jessore, the files of the Munsifs of Khoolna, Narail, Magura, and Bagirhat, show a large number of suits pending for more than one year at the close of 1889, while a smaller number of suits of the same duration were also before the Subordinate Judges and the Munsif of Satkhira. The state of the business was, therefore, far from satisfactory. There is little doubt that in some of the Courts in this District Additional Munsifs are needed.

The heavy pending files in Dacca, Tipperah, Hooghly, Rajshahye, Mymensingh, and Chittagong, have already been noticed.

The amount of work disposed of in the 24-Pergunnahs is fair, but the number of suits which have been pending for more than one year is excessive. There is every reason to believe that the two Additional Munsifs attached to this District are permanently required, and that the existing staff, even with their assistance, is not able properly to deal with the business coming before the Courts.

The business before the Civil Courts in Chota Nagpore is also in a very unsatisfactory state. The returns show that 48 original suits, and 18 appeals, had been under trial for more than one year. The great majority of these were before the Deputy Commissioner and Subordinate Judge of Lohardugga, who has represented that his executive duties have prevented him taking up these cases. The High Court, some years ago, recommended the separate appointment of a Subordinate Judge at this station and also at Hazareebagh and Manbhoom to exercise a regular and efficient administration of justice.

A larger number of suits was decided in Patna during 1889, and the pending files were considerably reduced in consequence, but, nevertheless, the fact that so many old suits had been under trial for more than one year is not satisfactory.

The largest number of appeals pending for more than one year was in Tirhoot (75), Cuttack (64), Mymensingh (62), Dacca (52), and Sarun (25).

Appeals in Tirhoot were less numerous than in 1888, but in excess of other previous years. The number decided, however, was smaller than in 1888, and was also short of the number preferred.

In Cuttack the appellate files were in a very unsatisfactory state, inasmuch as 64 appeals were shown to have been before the Courts for more than one year, although the number of appeals preferred was smaller and the pending files had been considerably reduced.

The number of appeals preferred in Mymensingh was less than in 1888, but greater than in any of the three earlier years, and, although there were fewer officers, a larger number was decided during the year under report. Nevertheless there was a serious arrear at the close of the period under review, no less than 62 appeals having been pending for more than one year. It has been a matter of regret that it has been impossible to send an Additional Subordinate Judge to this District where such an officer is much needed.

There are very many appeals which have been pending for more than one year in Dacca, and business, therefore, cannot be regarded as under control and in a satisfactory condition. The strength of the Appellate Courts in this District also seems insufficient.

In Sarun, arrears appear to have accumulated without adequate cause.

22. The total number of suits instituted in 1889, inclusive of cases in the Courts of Small Causes, exceeded the number instituted in 1885 by 22,109, or 5·08 per cent. The value of the property in litigation during the same period increased by R1,19,49,162, or 25·13 per cent. Number and value of suits instituted, 1884 to 1889. (*Table C.*)

In the following statement the districts have been grouped according to the number of suits instituted during 1889 :—

Exceeding 30,000, but not exceeding 40,000 suits.

Jessore.	24-Pergunnahs.

Exceeding 20,000, but not exceeding 30,000 suits.

Backergunge.	Hooghly.
Mymensingh.	Tipperah.
Dacca.	Midnapore.

Exceeding 15,000, but not exceeding 20,000 suits.

Furreedpore.	Bhagulpore.
Rungpore.	Chittagong.
Noakhally.	

Exceeding 10,000, but not exceeding 15,000 suits.

Nuddea.	Cuttack.
Burdwan.	Tirhoot.
Moorshedabad.	Dinagepore.

Exceeding 5,000, but not exceeding 10,000 suits.

Purneah.	Sarun.
Rajshahye.	Shahabad.
Pubna and Bogra.	Beerbhoom.
Bankura.	Chota Nagpore.

Exceeding 2,000, but not exceeding 5,000 suits.

Patna.	Gya.

In Jessore the total number of suits instituted exceeded 38,000, 8,663 suits being in the Courts of Small Causes. The area and population of this Civil District are very large. The number of suits instituted in the 24-Pergunnahs exceeded 31,000. In Jessore the Small Cause Courts contributed more than one-fourth, and in the 24-Pergunnahs one-fifth of the total litigation. In Hooghly, as in 1888, almost one-fourth of the number of cases instituted

came before the Small Cause Courts. It must, however, be borne in mind that these remarks apply exclusively to Courts of Small Causes. A considerable number of such suits were also decided by the Civil Courts specially empowered to act as Courts of Small Causes, and by the Civil Courts under their ordinary jurisdiction.

The variation in the business in the Courts of first instance in the different districts has already received notice.

Classification of suits instituted in 1888 and 1889. (*Table D.*)

28. The following statement shows the number of suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts during 1888 and 1889:—

	1888.	1889.
Suits cognizable by a Small Cause Court . . .	235,428	231,649
Suits under the Rent Law	182,222	187,445
Title and other suits	34,883	37,927

Exclusive of suits instituted in Courts of Small Causes, there were 186,667 suits of this class instituted in 1889, of which 89,011, or a little less than one-half, were decided by 114 Munsifs and 9 Subordinate Judges vested with the powers of a Court of Small Causes, *viz.*:—

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3	Munsifs with jurisdiction to try suits in which the demand did not exceed	25
111	Munsifs	50
4	Subordinate Judges	100
5	Ditto	500

Three Munsifs, *viz.*, at Gya (Aurangabad), Pubna (Shazadpur), and Backergunge (Barisal), were vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of suits not exceeding ₹50 in value, in excess of the number vested with such powers in 1887. These special powers have during the past year been exercised by one or more of the Munsifs stationed at 102 out of the 161 groups of Munsifs' Courts in the Province. They have not been conferred in the case of nine Munsifs' Courts in Nuddea, Jessore, Hooghly, Sealdah in the 24-Pergunnahs, and Furreedpore in consequence of there being specially constituted Courts of Small Causes in those localities; nor have they been given to the Munsifs of any of the nine Courts in the Chota-Nagpore Division.

As compared with 1888, suits of this class have decreased by 3,779, representing a decrease of ·45 per cent. in Courts of Small Causes and a decrease of 1·87 in the ordinary Civil Courts.

The increase in the number of suits under the Rent Law has been steadily progressive since the temporary check in 1886 caused by the passing of the Bengal Tenancy Act and the uncertainty at first existing as to the meaning and effect of some of its provisions. This uncertainty is now disappearing, and advantage is being taken more freely of the new law.

1884	165,969
1885	168,658
1886	160,707
1887	175,852
1888	182,222
1889	187,445

There was an increase of 3,044 suits in the number of title suits, which has been contributed chiefly by the districts of Hooghly, Tipperah, Mymensingh, Dacca, and Furreedpore.

Inclusive of cases instituted before the Courts of Small Causes, there were

more than 10,000 suits for money or movables instituted in each of the following districts during the past year :—

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Dacca	26,368	22,621	20,549
Mymensingh	19,709	18,757	18,049
24-Pergunnahs	17,365	16,913	17,116
Jessore	16,923	15,709	15,174
Tipperah	15,110	14,986	12,540
Hooghly	14,109	11,996	12,177
Cuttack	11,212	11,050	10,840
Furreedpore	12,471	10,959	10,630
Backergunge	10,111	9,817	10,614
Midnapore	9,082	9,655	10,329

The only change in this list is the inclusion in it of Backergunge and Midnapore.

In the following districts the number of suits instituted relating to immovable property and of a miscellaneous character exceeded 2,000 :—

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Mymensingh	3,465	3,215	3,635
Chittagong	3,210	3,070	2,921
Dacca	2,035	2,309	2,635
Hooghly	1,989	1,887	2,533
Jessore	2,383	2,503	2,447
24-Pergunnahs	2,334	2,407	2,384
Tipperah	1,698	1,833	2,325

The only change in the order in the above list is that Dacca now stands third instead of fifth, and that Hooghly has been added, while Tipperah also reappears.

24. The following table classifies the suits for money or movables instituted during the past two years in the Ordinary Civil Courts and in the Courts of Small Causes :— Classification of suits for money or movables. (*Statement 2.*)

Description of Suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Civil Courts.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
On written obligation	23,414	22,328	126,657	122,831
On unwritten obligation	5,006	6,063	17,927	17,105
On account stated	2,308	2,375	13,217	13,759
Money had and received	1,148	1,011	3,463	3,085
Goods sold	8,736	8,785	10,250	10,042
Wages, work, and materials	1,143	1,040	1,821	1,685
Rent not falling under the Rent Law	522	475	3,345	3,914
Movable property or value thereof	521	589	5,406	5,543
Damages	1,821	1,819	6,106	6,677
Other suits for money or movables not mentioned above	569	497	2,048	2,026
Total	45,188	44,982	190,240	186,667

25. The following table contains a comparative statement of the various classes of suits between landlords and tenants and under the Rent Law instituted during the past two years in the Civil Revenue Courts. The latter have still special jurisdiction under the Rent Law of 1859 in Cuttack (including Pooree and Balasore), in the Darjeeling portion of the Dinagepore District, in the Jul- Classification of suits under the Rent Law.

pigoree portion of the Rungpore District, and in the sub-districts of Chota Nagpore under a special Act.

	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Arrears of rent	180,364	185,572	10,621	10,976
Enhancement or abatement of rent	895	904	49	55
Relating to distraint	103	139	166	203
Damages for extortion	219	114	43	39
For *pattas* or *kabuliats*	90	10	21	19
For ejectment or recovery of possession	235	315	137	176
For recovery of money or accounts from Agents	44	54	20	18
All other suits under the Rent Law	272	337	50	26
TOTAL	182,222	187,445	11,107	11,512

Classification of other suits.

26. The following statement classifies the suits, other than rent-suits and suits cognizable by a Small Cause Court, instituted during the past two years :—

	Number of suits.		Percentage of the class to the total number.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Suits for immovable property	19,391	20,561	55·59	54·21
„ for declaratory decrees	933	990	2·67	2·62
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	6,078	7,192	17·43	18·96
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	4,683	5,192	13·42	13·69
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	425	379	1·22	·99
„ for an account	842	963	2·42	2·53
„ relating to religious endowments	35	50	·10	·13
„ to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	521	594	1·49	1·58
„ for dissolution of marriage	36	45	·10	·12
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	589	592	1·70	1·57
„ for partition	552	627	1·58	1·65
„ relating to shipping	...	1	...	...
„ „ to religion and caste	8	5	·02	·02
Administration suits	3	11	·01	·03
Interpleader suits	4	2	·01	...
Dissolution of partnership	25	24	·07	·06
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865	249	264	·71	·69
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	509	435	1·46	1·15
TOTAL	34,883	37,927	100·	100·

Suits valued according to class. (*Table E.*)

27. The following statement gives the value of suits of each class instituted during each of the last two years :—

		1888.	1889.
		R	R
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	28,02,037	28,83,601
	Ordinary Courts	2,28,57,727	2,28,88,418
Suits under the Rent Law		98,37,377	1,04,28,261
Title and other suits		3,38,22,743	2,32,95,585

The falling-off in the number of suits for money or movables, which is to be found equally in the Small Cause Courts and in the Regular Courts, has not been followed by a decrease in the value of the litigation. This result is due to some suits of large value instituted in certain Districts, as, for example,

in Tipperah where one suit was valued at more than four lakhs of rupees, and in Moorshedabad. There was a rise of nearly three lakhs in the value of suits for money or movables in the Regular Courts under ordinary procedure in the District of Cuttack, due to an increase in the number of suits of that class.

The increase in the value of rent-suits in 1889 corresponds with the increase in the number of rent-suits.

The decrease in the value of title suits is due to the fact that in 1888 there were several suits of very high value in Bhagulpore, Sarun, the 24-Perganahs, and Burdwan.

28. The following statement shows the average value of suits of each class :— Average value of suits.

		1888.	1889.
		₹	₹
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts . . .	62·	64·1
	Ordinary Courts	120·2	122·6
Suits under the Rent Law		53·9	55·6
Title and other suits		969·6	614·2

29. Further details of the value of suits instituted during 1889 are given in the following table :— Details of value. *(Statement 3.)*

Details of Value.	Suits for money or movables.			Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	Regular Courts			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under ordinary powers.		
Not exceeding ₹ 10 . .	6,307	15,015	5,089	56,185	6,220
„ „ „ 50 . .	20,771	70,151	25,829	90,610	15,945
„ „ „ 100 . .	10,310	1,786	34,896	23,483	6,102
„ „ „ 500 . .	7,550	890	27,594	15,132	6,531
Exceeding „ 500 or value not ascertained . . .	44	...	5,417	2,035	3,129
Total .	44,982	87,842	98,825	187,445	37,927

The following statement gives further details as to 10,106 out of 10,625 suits in which the value of the property in dispute exceeded ₹500 :—

	Suits for money or movables	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
Not exceeding ₹ 1,000 in value	3,322	1,198	958
„ „ „ 5,000 „	1,769	724	1,309
„ „ „ 10,000 „	224	65	208
„ „ „ 10,00,000 „	141	16	150
Exceeding „ 10,00,000 „	5	3	14
Total .	5,461	2,006	2,639

In the remaining 519 cases the value could not be estimated in money.

Suits how determined. (*Table F.*)

30. The result of the decision of suits during each of the past five years is shown in the following table:—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1885	167,378	172,437	103,397	443,212
1886	168,906	171,116	101,100	441,122
1887	178,339	189,808	101,493	469,640
1888	178,127	184,705	100,736	463,568
1889	177,595	184,015	99,688	461,298

There is a decrease under all the heads. Of the total number decided in 1889, 21·6 per cent. were contested, the percentages for the previous three years being 22·9, 21·6, and 21·7 per cent.

The following statement, showing the details of the above return relating to 1889 in each class of suits, exhibits a decrease under each head:—

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.
Courts of Small Causes		19,817	17,007	8,570
Ordinary Courts .	Suits for money or movables .	79,490	79,695	30,344
	Suits under the Rent Law . .	60,789	84,562	44,502
	Title and other suits . . .	17,499	2,751	16,272
	Total .	177,595	184,015	99,688

As stated on page 10, 89,011 suits for money or movables were decided by 114 Munsifs and 9 Sub-Judges, who were specially vested with powers of varied extent as Courts of Small Causes in respect of such suits. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shown in the margin.

Withdrawn	39,811
Decided *ex parte*	37,085
Contested	12,115
Total .	89,011

Further details as to manner in which suits were disposed of. (*Statement 4, Part I.*)

31. Further details of the manner in which suits were decided in the subordinate Civil Courts are given in the following statement, the cases decided by Small Cause Courts being also shown separately:—

All Courts, including Small Cause Courts.			Mode of Disposal.	Small Cause Courts separately.		
1887.	1888.	1889.		1887.	1888.	1889.
1,111	1,492	1,183	Plaints rejected . . .	196	313	193
63,122	65,083	63,778	Default	8,401	7,631	7,149
11,086	11,501	12,226	Withdrawn	584	467	496
4,484	3,020	2,336	Dismissed *ex parte* . . .	388	146	116
23,291	22,232	21,296	Dismissed on trial . . .	2,799	2,338	2,097
103,094	103,328	100,819	Total number of suits lost by plaintiff.	12,368	10,895	10,051
70,587	70,268	71,178	Compromised . . .	7,016	6,319	5,681
32,433	29,783	29,230	Confession	7,512	6,087	6,298
185,324	181,685	181,679	Decreed *ex parte* . . .	21,239	16 801	16,891
78,202	78,504	78,392	Decreed on trial . . .	8,034	6,611	6,473
295,959	289,972	289,301	Total number of suits won by plaintiff.	36,785	29,499	29,662
70,557	70,268	71,178	Add suits compromised . .	7,016	6,319	5,681
366,546	360,240	360,479	Total .	43,801	35,818	35,343

The percentages of cases decided against and in favour of plaintiffs and of those compromised is shown below :—

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Decided against plaintiffs	21·9	22·3	21·9
Compromised	15·	15 2	15·4
Decided in favour of plaintiffs	63·1	62·5	62·7

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Against plaintiffs	19·7	20 5	22·	23·4	22 2
Compromised	12·2	11·7	12·5	13·5	12·5
In favour of plaintiffs	68·1	67 8	65·5	63 1	65·3

The figures given in the margin show similar percentages as regards Small Cause Courts for the past five years.

32. The following statement furnishes for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default, or decreed *ex parte*, as also the number of applications for setting aside the judgments respectively made and granted in such cases :— Applications to set aside *ex parte* judgments or judgments in default. (*Table G.*)

	1887.	1888.	1889.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*	248,446	246,788	245,457
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	14,832	14,481	14,800
Number of such applications granted	8,003	8,135	8,450

The proportion of applications for retrial in cases in which judgments were delivered *ex parte* in 1889 was 6·02 of the applications made during the year under notice. Of the former 57·09 were granted, as compared with 56·1 in 1888.

The percentages in the several classes of Courts taken separately for the past two years were as follows :—

	Percentages.	
	1888.	1889.
District Judges' Courts	70·4	76·4
Small Cause Courts	65·6	67·2
Subordinate Judges' Courts	44·6	48·3
Munsifs' Courts	55·6	56·4

33. The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees, which resulted in full or partial satisfaction, together with the total amount realized in the Regular Civil Courts :— Decrees how executed. (*Table II*)

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized.
			R
1887	84,236	61,151	1,65,50,904
1888	91,063	65,022	1,65,12,891
1889	93,044	65,375	1,58,04,530

It is thus shown that a smaller sum was realized in a greater number of decrees.

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follows :—

	Complete.	Partial	Amount realized.
			R
1888	4,231	6,283	3,39,452
1889	4,147	6,062	3,37,849

The largest sums were realized in the Ordinary Civil Courts of the following districts :—

	Amount realized	
	1888.	1889.
	₹	₹
Tirhoot	12,81,602	10,96,342
Dacca	7,36,148	10,22,854
Bhagulpore	15,07,454	9,86,168
Patna	8,49,085	9,51,618
Mymensingh	8,99,389	9,04,431
24-Pergunnahs	8,96,493	8,34,540
Sarun	6,10,575	7,99,568
Backergunge	8,90,012	7,85,179
Jessore	8,30,404	7,46,483
Hooghly	7,30,848	6,20,021
Burdwan	4,56,807	5,80,016
Midnapore	5,27,781	5,66,539
Tipperah	5,04,980	5,65,340
Gya	5,80,717	5,30,977

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in 1889, in which realizations were made, and the total amount realized, the figures for the Ordinary Civil Courts and for the Small Cause Courts being given separately :—

		Number of applications.	Amount realized.
			₹
Ordinary Civil Courts	With process	139,382	1,39,90,362
	Without process	19,037	18,14,168
Small Cause Courts	With process	9,078	257,168
	Without process	1,136	80,681

All the Courts being taken together, realizations were effected without process in 11·9 per cent. of the successful applications in 1889, as against 12·5 in 1888 and 12·6 in 1887.

Decrees executed. (*Statement 6.*)

34. In Statement 6 will be found further details regarding the manner in which decrees were executed during the year under review. The number of applications for execution (including verbal applications immediately upon delivery of judgments) made to the Subordinate Civil Courts, together with remanets from 1888, aggregated 407,293; 337,131 were disposed of, and 70,162 remained pending. Satisfaction, whole or partial, was obtained in 168,628 cases. In 44,548 of the other applications, the creditor's claim was adjusted under Section 258 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The number of wholly infructuous applications was 163,046.

Coercive processes. (*Statement 6*)

35. The following figures show generally the extent to which the different modes of execution have been resorted to during the past five years :—

Year.	Possession given.	Imprisonment.	Property sold.	
			Movable.	Immovable.
1885	8,328	2,326	13,669	28,205
1886	8,418	2,225	14,554	28,685
1887	7,567	2,041	14,512	34,560
1888	6,664	915	13,941	41,508
1889	6,723	529	13,629	43,746

The return for 1889 again shows that money due under decrees was principally realized by the sale of immovable property, while execution of decrees by attachment of the person is still less resorted to. It also appears that a much smaller sum has been realized without process. These results, as remarked in the Report for 1888, are most probably due to the operation of the Debtors' Act of 1888.

In 415 cases permission was given to the judgment-debtors to raise money on their properties under attachment in order to satisfy decrees. Specific performance was enforced in 166 cases as against 474 in 1888, 120 of these being returned from Burdwan. Partition was effected in 69 cases. No particulars have been given regarding the manner in which the decrees in 11,046 cases were executed.

36. The following comparative statement gives the number of original miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature instituted, determined, and pending in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts during each of the past two years:— Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases. (*Table I.*)

		Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
Ordinary Civil Courts	1888	40,200	41,442	6,993*
	1889	41,885	41,142	8,090
Small Cause Courts	1888	2,659	2,762	209
	1889	2,541	2,500	259

* Revised figures.

Attention has been before drawn to the gradual increase of this class of business which adds considerably to the work of the Courts. It may be mentioned that in 1885, 36,819 cases of this class were instituted before the Ordinary Civil Courts, as compared with 41,885 in 1889.

Details are given below of the manner in which these cases were decided during the past two years:—

	By Ordinary Civil Courts.		By Small Cause Courts.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	9,651	9,629	558	346
Decided *ex parte*	9,465	9,647	304	267
Contested	22,326	21,866	1,900	1,887
TOTAL	41,442	41,142	2,762	2,500

Applications were granted in 31·2 per cent. of the cases disposed of after contest in the Ordinary Civil Courts, the proportion of 1888 being 30·7. Of the whole number disposed of 3·9 per cent. were compromised, as in 1888. In the Small Cause Courts, 39·4 per cent. of the contested applications decided were granted, the rest being refused, while 95 cases, or 3·8 per cent. of the total, were compromised. The corresponding results in 1888 were 36·9 and 3·5 per cent.

37. The following table shows, for the years 1887, 1888, and 1889, the total number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted and disposed of under the Rent Law in the Courts of first instance in Bengal, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years, respectively:— Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) cases. (*Table II.*)

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1887	44,457	48,317	7,703
1888	39,746	39,141	8,309
1889	39,912	41,427	6,814

Detail of Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) cases.

38. The following statement exhibits in detail the last-mentioned cases during 1888 and 1889 and the state of the files:—

	Instituted.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Applications for deposit of rent .	26,320	26,655	25,015	27,302	4,558	3,927
Applications for assistance to distrain	2,115	3,255	2,515	3,120	587	731
Applications for the service of notices for the surrender of holdings	10,345	9,415	10,625	10,376	3,077	2,118
Applications for the service of notices of execution by non-occupancy ryots of agreement to pay enhanced rent . .	740	241	759	289	68	22
Applications for the service of notices of transfer of occupancy holdings	226	346	227	340	19	16
TOTAL .	39,746	39,912	39,141	41,427	8,309	6,814

On comparison with the returns of 1886 and 1887 it will be seen that it is only in regard to applications for leave to distrain and for the service of notice of transfer of occupancy holdings that there has been any increase. Applications for deposit of rent, though somewhat more numerous than in 1888, were much less frequent than in 1886 or 1887.

The following districts show the largest number of applications for the deposit of rent:—

Sarun	2,649
Tirhoot	2,602
Hooghly	2,138
Midnapore	2,007
Bhagulpore	1,750
Jessore	1,169

The relative positions of these six districts exhibit very little variation. The return from the 24-Pergunnahs shows a decrease of 333.

The observations made on the general return apply to all these instances except Jessore, where the numbers have been steadily maintained with a slight tendency towards an increase, but the decrease in the other Districts is very remarkable.

The returns for 1889 exhibit the contrast between the number of applications for the deposit of rent and the number of rent-suits filed in several districts, which was noticed in the reports for the three previous years. In Jessore, there were 20,870 rent-suits instituted, and only 1,169 applications of the kind referred to. In Backergunge, the figures were 18,094 and 915, and in Noakhally, 8,624 and 502, respectively. On the other hand, there were 3,340 rent-suits in Sarun, and 2,649 applications to deposit rent; in Bhagulpore, 6,047 suits and 1,750 applications; in Patna, 1,962 suits and 989 applications; and in Tirhoot, 5,174 suits and 2,602 applications.

Applications for assistance to distrain were most numerous, in Sarun (757), Bhagulpore (278), Shahabad (243), Midnapore (229), Hooghly (205,) Patna 199), Tirhoot (198), Purneah (187), Backergunge (154), and Tipperah (137).

39. The average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, decided during the past year by the several grades of Courts, is given in the following statement:— Average duration of cases. (*Table Q.*)

		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Months.	Days.	Months.	Days.	Months.	Days.	Months.	Days.
Under ordinary procedure	Contested	4	6	8	12	5	5	1	18
	Uncontested	3	21	3	28	2	12	0	27
Under Small Cause Court procedure.	Contested	...		1	11	1	17	...	
	Uncontested	...		1	2	1	2	....	

40. During the past year the Courts of 13 Subordinate Judges and 80 Munsifs, as well as 9 Courts of Small Causes were inspected by District Judges. In the districts of Bankura, Gya, Nuddea, Pubna, and Rungpore, all the Courts were inspected, and nearly all those in Beerbhoom, Bhaugulpore, Dacca, Dinagepore, Fureedpore, Noakhally, Rajshahye, and Sarun. In Cuttack, Hooghly, and the 24-Purgannahs, no inspections were made for various reasons. In the remaining districts a few only of the Courts were visited. Inspections by District Judges.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—THE PRESIDENCY SMALL CAUSE COURT.

41. The number of suits instituted and decided in the Presidency Court of Small Causes during 1888 and 1889, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years, are shown below:— Calcutta Small Cause Court.

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1888	25,097	24,563	2,787
1889	26,396	27,191	2,272

The number of suits instituted and decided during the past year, although greater than in 1888, was less than in any of the four preceding years.

Details of the value of the suits instituted in 1888 and 1889 are given below:—

		1888.	1889.
	₹		
Up to	10	6,844	6,876
„	50	11,111	11,637
„	100	2,986	3,214
„	500	3,298	3,714
„	1,000	552	580
Above	1,000	306	375
	Total	25,097	26,396

It will be seen that the increase in the business has been general, and especially in suits of the higher values.

In 18,513, or 70·13 per cent. of the cases instituted, the amount or value of the property involved did not exceed ₹50, and in 26·04 per cent. it was below ₹10. In 580 cases the amount or value exceeded ₹500, but did not exceed ₹1,000, and it exceeded the latter sum in 375 cases.

The total amount in litigation was R22,64,325 in the year under notice, as compared with R20,08,441 in the previous year.

Mode of disposal.

42. Of the suits (27,191) disposed of during 1889, 25 plaints were rejected or returned, 2,613 were dismissed for default or for want of prosecution, or were withdrawn with leave; 18,709 were decided without contest in the manner shown in the margin; and 5,844 were decided after contest or upon reference to arbitration.

Compromised	8,757
Decreed on confession	3,364
Decreed *ex parte*	6,567
Dismissed *ex parte*	21
TOTAL	18,709

Execution.

43. Out of 18,997* applications for the execution of decrees before the Calcutta Small Cause Court, 18,452 were determined and 545 remained pending at the close of the year. The number of such applications filed in 1888 was 18,120, and the number determined was 18,437. Of the applications disposed of in 1889, 15,104 resulted in whole or partial satisfaction of the decrees. In 6,020 cases it was found necessary to issue process.

* Pending from 1888	439
Filed in 1889	18,558
TOTAL	18,997

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With the issue of process	2,06,960
Without the issue of process	2,97,143
TOTAL	5,04,103

The total amount realized was R5,04,103 in the past, as compared with R4,82,730 in the previous, year.

The principal coercive measures adopted to effect the execution of decrees were the imprisonment of the judgment-debtor in 93 cases, and the sale of the judgment-debtor's movable property in 1,000 cases.

The returns of previous years showed the following:—

	Imprisonment.	Sale of moveables.
1886	451	772
1887	424	648
1888	343	736

The gradual and considerable dimunition of cases of the imprisonment of judgment-debtors is no doubt due to the operation of the Debtors' Act, 1888, which came into force on the 23rd March of that year.

In 54 cases the immovable property of the debtor was made over to the decree-holder in liquidation of the debt.

II.—PROVINCIAL SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Provincial Small Cause Courts. (*Table A 1.*)

44. In Table A 1 will be found details of the business coming before each of the Provincial Small Cause Courts separately. The number of these Courts remained unchanged during the year.

The total number of cases instituted and decided in the Provincial Small Cause Courts during the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each, are shown below:—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1888	45,188	46,713	3,185
1889	44,982	45,394	3,684
Difference	—206	—1,319	+499

The number of suits instituted and decided was less than in any of the previous five years. Compared with 1888, the decrease in the number of suits was greatest in the following Courts:—

Dacca	561
Pubna	400
Jessore	359
Monghyr	344

Of 89,011 cases decided by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court as described on the margin, 12,115, or 13·6 per cent., were contested.

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3	Munsifs with jurisdiction up to	25
111	„ „ „ „	50
4	Subordinate Judges	100
5	„ „	500

Of cases of a similar nature instituted before officers not vested with the special powers of a Small Cause Court, 30,918 were below R50 in value, and 62,490 above R50 and below R500.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—HIGH COURT.

I.—APPEALS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE LETTERS PATENT.

45. The statement in the margin shows the number of appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent, preferred against the decrees or orders of a Judge of the High Court sitting alone either on the Original or on the Appellate Side of the Court, and decided in the years 1888 and 1889, respectively.

	Filed.		Decided	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
First appeals	33	40	27	31
Second „	..	1	..	...
Third „	7	23	8	...

First Appeals.

46. The number of appeals before the High Court in 1889 from the decrees or orders of one of the Judges in the exercise of original jurisdiction was 56, including 16 pending from the previous year. Of these 31 were decided and 25 remained unheard at the close of the year.

Second Appeals.

47. No second appeals have been preferred during the past six years.

Third Appeals.

48. Twenty-three third appeals, 22 from the decree of a single Judge in appeals valued at less than R50, and one from the decree of a Division Bench, the Judges of which were equally divided in opinion, were preferred in 1889, but none of them were disposed of during the year. Seven such appeals were filed during the year 1888.

II.—APPEALS FROM THE SUBORDINATE CIVIL COURTS.

Appeals to High Court from Subordinate Courts as Courts of First Instance.

49. The number of first and second appeals from the decrees and orders of the Civil Courts as Courts of Appeal, which came before the High Court and were decided during the past two years, is shown on the margin. These figures include appeals from the Courts of Assam and the Chief Court of British Burma. Of the first appeals preferred during 1889, 79 were appeals in contested Will cases.

	Preferred to the Court.		Decided.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
First Appeals.				
From decrees	350	324	291	305
From orders	273	194	290	205
Second Appeals.				
From decrees	2,222	2,658	2,524	1,598
From orders	207	209	229	167

The following statement shows the manner in which the appeals preferred to the High Court came upon the files:—

			Instituted.	Received by transfer.	On review of judgment.	Revived.
Appeals from	Original	Decrees	311	9	4	...
		Orders	194	...	...	...
	Appellate	Decrees	2,658	...	...	...
		Orders	209	...	...	...

Appeals decided.

50. Two thousand two hundred and seventy-five appeals from subordinate Courts were decided by the High Court during the past, as compared with 3,334 during the previous, year.

Pending files of Appeals.

51. The pending files of appeals of all classes have increased, except that of first appeals from the orders of the Lower Courts, as will be seen from the following statement :—

	Pending.	
	1888.	1889.
First Appeals—		
From decrees	433	452
„ orders	95	84
Second Appeals—		
From decrees	1,791	2,851
„ orders	56	98
TOTAL .	2,375	3,485

The following statement shows in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its Appellate jurisdiction during each of the past four years. It will be seen that numerically there has been an increase both in Civil and in Criminal business :—

	Brought before the Court.				Heard and determined.			
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
First Appeals . { From decrees	337	288	350	324	673	256	291	305
„ orders .	253	253	273	194	269	238	290	205
Second Appeals { From decrees .	2,713	2,729	2,222	2,658	3,253	2,258	2,524	1,598
„ orders .	209	181	207	209	223	194	229	167
Appeals under the Letters Patent	43	53	40	63	80	68	35	31
References to a Full Bench .	14	11	4	10	13	8	7	4
Applications for Review . .	79	57	11	37	75	45	24	38
References	29	33	45	14	29	31	46	17
Divorce cases	1	3	1	3	2	1	3	2
Criminal cases (appeals, references or cases for revision.)	1,702	1,745	1,776	1,876	1,685	1,697	1,827	1,873

Number of Judges on 1st of each month.

52. The following table shows the number of Judges at the commencement of each month during the last three years, excluding those absent on leave or on deputation :—

	1887.				1888.				1889.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January . . .	4	5	1	10	5	5	1	11	4	4	3	11
February . .	4	5	1	10	5	5	1	11	5 (*a*)	5 (*b*)	3	13
March . . .	4	5	1	10	5	5	1	11	5	4 (*c*)	3	12
April . . .	4	5	1	10	5	4	1	10	5 (*d*)	5 (*e*)	2 (*f*)	12
May . . .	4	5	2	11	5	6	1	12	5	5 (*g*)	1 (*h*)	11
June . . .	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12	5	5 (*i*)	1	11
July . . .	3	5	1	9	5	6	1	12	5	5	2 (*j*)	12
August . . .	3	5	2	10	5	6	1	12	5	5	2	12
September . .	3	5	2	10	4	5	...	9	4 (*k*)	5	2	11
October . . .	5	5	2	12	3	3	1	7	3 (*l*)	3(*m*)	2	8
November . .	5	5	2	12	4	4	2	10	4 (*n*)	5 (*o*)	2(*p*)	11
December . .	5	5	2	12	4	4	3	11	4	5	2	11

(*a*) The services of Mr. Justice Wilson, which were placed at the disposal of the Government of Bombay to serve as a member of the Crawford Commission, were replaced at the disposal of the Government of India, Home Department, with effect from the 1st February, 1889.
(*b*) Mr Justice Tottenham resumed his seat on the 17th January, 1889.
(*c*) Mr. Justice O'Kinealy was absent on furlough from the 28th February, 1889 to the 8th September, 1889.
(*d*) Mr Justice Wilson was absent on furlough from the 22nd March, 1889 to the 8th September, 1889. Mr. Justice Hill, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court, took his seat on the 30th March, 1889.
(*e*) Mr. Justice Rampini, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court, took his seat on the 27th March, 1889.
(*f*) Mr. Justice Ghose availed himself of furlough for two months and fifteen days on the 1st April, 1889.
(*g*) Mr. Justice Gordon, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court in the room of Mr. Justice Ghose until the date on which Mr. Justice Macpherson avails himself of furlough, and after that date in place of Mr. Justice Macpherson during his absence on furlough, took his seat on the 4th April, 1889.
(*h*) Mr Justice Mitter was absent on furlough from the 3rd April, 1889, to the 8th September, 1889.
(*i*) Mr. Justice Macpherson availed himself of furlough for four months and ten days on the 29th April, 1889.
(*j*) Mr. Justice Ghose resumed his seat as a Judge on the 17th June, 1889.
(*k*) Mr. Justice Trevelyan availed himself on the 5th August, 1889, of privilege leave for one month.
(*l*) The services of Mr. Hill were replaced at the disposal of the Government of the North-Western Provinces with effect from the 9th September, 1889.
(*m*) The services of Messrs. Rampini and Gordon were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal with effect from the 9th September, 1889.
(*n*) Mr. Justice Wilson and Mr. Justice Trevelyan resumed their seats as Judges on the re-opening of the Court after the Dusserah vacation on the 16th November, 1889.
Mr. Justice Pigot availed himself, on the 16th November, 1889, of privilege leave for one month.
(*o*) Mr. Justice O'Kinealy and Mr Justice Macpherson resumed their seats as Judges on the re-opening of the Court after the Dusserah vacation on the 16th November, 1889.
(*p*) Mr. Justice Mitter resumed his seat as a Judge on the re-opening of the Court after the Dusserah vacation on the 16th November 1889.
Mr. Justice Bannerjee availed himself on the 16th November, 1889, of furlough for one month.

53. The amount of judicial work before the High Court from year to year since its constitution, is given in the following statement:— High Court files since 1862.

Years.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Appeals.	Years.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Appeals
1862 (six months only)	359	1,666	180	781	1876	367	2,945	413	1,210
1863 . . .	595	3,659	361	798	1877	343	2,858	363	1,107
1864 . . .	485	3,728	495	868	1878	302	2,621	337	1,248
1865 . . .	417	3,633	715	1,040	1879	358	3,001	297	1,271
1866 . . .	460	3,438	854	1,121	1880	354	2,490	356	1,406
1867 . . .	382	3,466	665	1,396	1881	334	2,334	353	1,424
1868 . . .	273	3,334	557	1,095	1882	330	2,789	393	1,349
1869 . .	285	3,047	558	1,214	1883	283	3,034	417	1,325
1870 . . .	296	2,731	492	1,296	1884	351	2,442	427	1,431
1871 . . .	287	1,397	365	1,294	1885	566	2,672	448	1,628
1872 . . .	290	1,985	347	1,518	1886	330	2,687	461	1,624
1873 . . .	327	3,024	405	1,438	1887	288	2,723	431	1,640*
1874 . . .	348	3,225	535	1,370	1888	350	2,222	480	1,668
1875 . . .	329	2,966	400	1,159	1889	324	2,658	403	1,822

* Revised figures.

Of the 324 Appeals from Original Decrees instituted during the year under review, 8 came from Assam and 2 from Rangoon.

54. The largest number of first appeals were preferred from the Civil Courts in the following districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal:— Districts from which first appeals came. (*Annual Statement 5, Part I.*)

Bhagulpore	43
Tirhoot	33
24-Pergunnahs	29
Gya	28
Patna	26

No such appeals came from Dinagepore, and the number from the remaining districts varied from 1 to 17.

55. The following statement exhibits separately for each Province the value of Appeals from Original and Appellate Decrees instituted during the year under review:— Value of appeals.

	Appeals from Original Decrees.			Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	
	Valued at R10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than R10,000.	Value not denotable in money.	Valued at more than R50.	Not exceeding R50 in value
Lower Provinces of Bengal .	67	200	43	1,323	1,245
Assam . .	1	6	1	52	38
British Burma .	...	2	...	...	...

The greatest number of appeals below R50 in value came from the following districts:—

Tirhoot	262
Dacca	98
Shahabad	91
24-Pergunnahs	66
Hooghly	60
Patna	60

One such case came from Cachar and 3 from Chota Nagpore: in the remaining districts the number varied from 8 to 55.

Details of value of Appeals.

56. The following table shows in more detail the value of appeals instituted during the year from the Original and Appellate Decrees of the Subordinate Civil Courts, and of third Appeals under the Letters Patent :—

	Appeals from Original Decrees of Subordinate Civil Courts.	Appeals from Appellate Decrees of Subordinate Civil Courts.	Second and third Appeals under the Letters Patent.
₹	...	372	8
Not exceeding 10	5	911	14
„ „ 50	5	418	...
„ „ 100	27	654	1
„ „ 500	25	149	...
„ „ 1,000	61	149	2
„ „ 5,000	81	...	1
„ „ 10,000	57	...	1
„ „ 1,00,000	10	...	1
Exceeding 1,00,000	48(*a*)	5(*b*)	...
Value not denotable	...	...	...
TOTAL	320(*c*)	2,658	28(*d*)

(*a*) Of these 44 are Will cases and 4 are suits for partition.

(*b*) These consist of one appeal for determination of rent, one for petition under Sections 118 and 120, Civil Procedure Code, one for declaration of right, and 2 for partition.

(*c*) These include 2 appeals from Rangoon.

(*d*) Besides these 28 appeals under the Letters Patent preferred against the decrees of a single Judge, there was one Appeal from an Original Decree in the matter of the Probate of a Will, and one Appeal from an order for execution of Decree.

Result of Appeals.

57. Fifty-three Appeals from Original Decrees, 52 Appeals from Appellate Decrees, and 14 Miscellaneous Appeals were either summarily rejected, dismissed on default, withdrawn, or compromised as shown below :—

	Appeals from Original Decrees.	Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	Miscelloneous Appeals.
Summarily rejected	...	...	...
Dismissed on default	29	20	3
Withdrawn	3	13	5
Compromised	21	19	6
TOTAL	53	52	14

The result of appeals as affecting the decisions of the Lower Court in the cases heard and determined, is shown below :—

	Appeals from Original Decrees.	Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	Miscellaneous Appeals.
Affirmed	159	1,193	269
Reversed	53	115	67
Varied	27	63	4
Remanded	13	175	18

The decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied in 31·7 per cent. of Appeals from Original Decrees, in 11·5 per cent. of Appeals from Appellate Decrees, and in 19·8 per cent. of Miscellaneous Appeals.

The following table shows the result of appeals decided by the High Court as affecting District Judges, Subordinate Judges, and Munsifs :—

	Affirmed.			Modified or Reversed.		
	District Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Munsifs.	District Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Munsifs.
Appeals from Original Decrees	45	114	...	30	50	...
„ „ Appellate „	525	668	...	93	85	...
Miscellaneous Appeals	137	128	4	44	27	...

The proportion of cases in which orders of remand were passed, or in which the Lower Court was directed to take further evidence, to the total number decided by the High Court after hearing, is given in the margin.

	Percentage.		
	1887.	1888.	1889.
Appeals from Original Decrees .	4·08	9·16	5·15
„ „ Appellate „ .	5·50	5·48	11·31
Miscellaneous Appeals . .	9·59	4 92	5 02

58. The following statement shows the number of Appeals to Her Majesty in Council against decrees or orders of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction since the institution of the Court:— Appeals to the Privy Council instituted.

	Total Number of Appeals Filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, &c.				Despatched to England.			
	In first Appeals.		In second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first Appeals.		In second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first Appeals.		In second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above Rs10,000.	Below Rs10,000.			Above Rs10,000.	Below Rs10,000.			Above Rs10,000.	Below Rs10,000.		
1862 (half year only) . .	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863 . .	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864 . .	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865 . .	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866 . .	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867 . .	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	54	1
1868 . .	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869 . .	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870 . .	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871 . .	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872 . .	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873 . .	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874 . .	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875 . .	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876 . .	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877 . .	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878 . .	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879 . .	33	13	4	7	21	10	2	4	15	8	3	2
1880 . .	22	10	5	8	13	6	2	3	17	3	2	7
1881 . .	27	18	5	7	9	9	4	1	9	3	2	4
1882 . .	36	24	13	3	15	10	5	3	8	3	...	2
1883 . .	20	16	2	9	11	12	9	3	10	2	...	1
1884 . .	21	13	3	1	13	11	4	4	17	1	...	1
1885 . .	35	22	4	7	15	12	1	3	9	1	1	...
1886 . .	27	22	3	2	12	16	6	4	12	4	...	...
1887 . .	18	14	8	8	7	13	4	5	19	8	1	1
1888 . .	16	4	4	...	3	9	4	2	12	7	1	1
1889 . .	11	26	3	4	8	7	...	4	9	3	1	2
Total .	870	386	223	138	360	237	127	89	506	123	94	45

Of 1,617 Appeals preferred in the course of 27½ years, 813 were struck off, compromised, or withdrawn, the proceedings of 768 cases being despatched to England. Thirty-six cases were at the close of 1889 under preparation for despatch to England.

59. The following table shows the result of the Appeals to the Privy Council, in which the judgments on appeal have been received during the past six years:— Result of Appeals to the Privy Council.

Years.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1884 . . .	9	7	1	1	...
1885 . . .	13	7	5	1	...
1886 . . .	7	1	5	1	...
1887 . . .	7	6	1	...	...
1888 . . .	14	7	3	4	...
1889 . . .	15	8	3	4	...
Total .	65	36	18	11	...

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals instituted in Lower Appellate Courts. (*Table J.*)

60. The number of appeals in regular suits instituted and decided in the local Courts during the past three years, as also the number pending at the close of each, are shown below :—

Year.	Revived or received on remand or review.	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1887	462	19,053	18,875	10,753*
1888	476	19,740	19,519	11,486*
1889	514	19,304	19,505	11,788†

* Revised figures.

† For 1889, if the figure in the fourth column be subtracted from the total of the second and third columns, *plus* the number of cases pending from the previous year the resultant figure showing the number of cases pending at the close of the year under report, should be 11,799, instead of 11,788. The discrepancy is explained by the fact that 11 appeals, which were transferred to the High Court, have been excluded from the district returns.

The number of appeals instituted is less than in 1888, but greater than in any of the previous four years. The number of appeals decided shows no material variation. The number remaining under trial is very large, a circumstance which confirms the remark made in the report of 1888 that the existing Courts are unable to deal with the business coming before them. It will appear hereinafter that the business in many Courts has fallen into arrear from this cause.

The largest increase in the number of appeals preferred occurred in the following disricts :—

	1888.	1889.	Increase.
Beerbhoom	264	456	192
Chittagong	1,085	1,254	169
Rajshahye	256	425	169
Pubna and Bogra	604	758	154
Noakhally	380	508	128
Chota Nagpore	439	565	126
Tipperah	1,061	1,177	116

In the following districts there was a marked decrease in the number of appeals preferred :—

	1888.	1889.	Decrease.
Dacca	1,029	784	245
24-Pergunnahs	1,070	914	156
Mymensingh	1,278	1,140	138
Hooghly	976	853	123
Bhagulpore	932	820	112
Jessore	915	818	97
Tirhoot	1,531	1,435	96
Shahabad	910	819	91

The business coming before the Courts of Appeal in Dacca, though less than in 1888, was still in excess of that of previous years; and this result appears to have been principally caused by a greater number of appeals in title and others suits, which, being of a more difficult class, represent additional labour. The number of appeals preferred in Mymensingh was less than in 1888, but greater than in any of the three earlier years, and, although there were fewer Judges, a larger number, as will appear in the next paragraph, was decided during 1889; nevertheless the business is considerably in arrear. The decrease in the number of appeals instituted in Hooghly seems, the District Judge remarks, to be "due to the small number of appealable orders passed during the year by Subordinate Courts." The decrease in Shahabad occurred principally in appeals in suits under the Rent Law. In Tirhoot, the appeals, though less numerous than in 1888, were in excess of those of other previous years, and the returns show an accumulation of arrears.

Appeals decided by the Lower Appellate Courts.

61. The number of appeals decided was greater than that preferred. There was a considerable increase, on comparison with the returns of the previous year, in Tipperah (395), Shahabad (363), Dacca (352), Bhagulpore (253), and Mymensingh (169). In the following districts there was a falling off,

viz., Burdwan (366), Chota Nagpore (225), Backergunge (196), Pubna and Bogra (188), and Jessore (185).

The business before the Appellate Courts in Tipperah was fairly well under control. In Shahabad there was, as shown in the preceding paragraph, a considerable decline in the number of appeals instituted. The Courts, nevertheless, decided a greater number of appeals during 1889 than in either 1886 or 1888, and the pending files are, on the whole, in a satisfactory state. In Dacca, in spite of the more numerous appeals in the more difficult class of suits, a larger number of appeals was heard and determined, the work done by the District Judge being conspicuous. The pending files were considerably reduced, but there are still very many appeals which have been before the Courts for more than one year, and business, therefore, cannot be regarded as under control and in a satisfactory condition. The number of pending appeals very nearly represents that of the cases instituted, and the strength of the Appellate Courts seems insufficient. There was less business in the Appellate Courts in Hooghly, and with the temporary assistance of additional officers, the pending files have been considerably reduced. In Mymensingh, notwithstanding the increase in the number of appeals decided, there was a serious arrear at the close of 1889, no less than 62 appeals having been pending for more than one year.

The appellate business before the Courts in Burdwan shows very slight variation, but the amount of work done contrasts unfavourably with that of former years.

The appellate business in Backergunge and Jessore was not, owing to various causes, in a satisfactory state at the close of 1889.

62. Out of 11,788 appeals pending at the close of the year, 366 had been before the Courts for more than one year, the majority of these being appeals in title suits; this number is greater than in any of the previous four years. There were also at the same time 3,182 rent and title-suit appeals pending for over six months, and 4,928 appeals of all classes pending for over three months. The heaviest pending files were in Tirhoot (868), Chittagong (865), Mymensingh (770), Dacca (759), Tipperah (758), Sarun (689), Backergunge (664), and Jessore (498). Pending files. (*Table J.*)

The state of the appellate business in all of these districts, save Chittagong and Sarun, has been commented on in the preceding paragraphs.

In Chittagong, a larger number of appeals was preferred during 1889. The number of appeals instituted in Sarun was smaller than in former years, but the number decided was also considerably smaller, and an arrear has accumulated. The District Judge was more occupied on the Criminal side of his Court, but the ill health of one of the Subordinate Judges also contributed to the smaller outturn of work.

63. The number of cases decided by the Subordinate Civil Courts, in which an appeal lay to the District Court, was 75,098 in the past year, as compared with 74,616 in 1888. Number of appealable cases decided.

The ratio of appeals to decisions was 25·44 in 1889 as compared with 26·20 in 1888. The percentage was highest in the following districts:— Ratio of appeals to decisions. (*Table K.*)

	1888.	1889.
Patna	53·97	47·03
Gya	46·5	45·90
Tirhoot	44·98	45·71
Rajshahye	20·8	40·03
Shahabad	37·96	39·71
Sarun	36·42	38·02
Pubna and Bogra	27·03	35·87
Dacca	41·	33·20
Midnapore	32·91	31·96
Beerbhoom	20·30	31·42
Chota Nagpore	23·08	30·40

The percentage was very low in Purneah, Jessore, Backergunge, Moorshedabad, Rungpore, and Dinagepore:—

	1888.	1889.
Purneah	14·82	10·23
Jessore	16·34	14·43
Backergunge	18·93	15·32
Moorshedabad	12·59	17·60
Rungpore	16·70	17·74
Dinagepore	21·01	18·58

Appeals classified. (*Table L.*)

64. The following figures show for each of the past two years the number of appeals filed under each of the three chief classes of suits:—

	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
1888	3,664	9,795	6,281
1889	3,790	9,052	6,462

The increase which has been apparent in appeals in suits for money or movables ever since 1876, except in 1879, 1880, and 1881, continued during the twelvemonth under review. Appeals in rent-suits show a decrease, and appeals in title suits an increase, as compared with 1888.

Appeals valued. (*Table M.*)

65. The value of appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1888 and 1889 is shown in the following statement:—

	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Total.
	R	R	R	R
1888	7,78,954	6,66,520	11,81,197	26,26,671
1889	7,94,302	6,35,210	11,30,620	25,60,132

The following table gives details of the value of appeals instituted during the past year in the Lower Appellate Courts:—

Scale of Values.	Number of Appeals.			
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Total.
Not exceeding R 10	165	2,289	725	3,179
„ „ „ 50	711	3,870	2,401	6,982
„ „ „ 100	1,121	1,334	1,234	3,689
„ „ „ 500	1,439	1,233	1,494	4,166
„ „ „ 1,000	237	124	229	590
„ „ „ 5,000	115	46	253	414
Value not stated	2	156	126	284
Total	3,790	9,052	6,462	19,304

Of 19,304 appeals, 18,890, or 97·8 per cent., were triable either by District or Subordinate Judges. In the remaining cases Subordinate Judges were the

Courts of first instance, and appeals lay, therefore, to District Judges. The percentage of appeals to District Judges has exhibited no material variation during the past six years.

66. The following statement shows the result of appeals in the past two years as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts:— Disposal of Appeals. (*Table N.*)

	Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Remanded.		Otherwise determined.	
	Number.	Percentage of the whole.	Number.	Percentage of the whole.	Number.	Percentage of the whole.	Number.	Percentage of the whole.	Number.	Percentage of the whole.
1888 . .	11,174	57·21	2,206	11·32	3,669	18·80	717	3 65	1,760	9·02
1889 . .	11,222	57·53	2,368	12·14	3,537	18·14	804	4·12	1,574	8·07

67. The following table shows the number of "Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts" instituted and decided during each of the past two years, as also the number pending at the close of each:— Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts. (*Table O.*)

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1888	2,530	2,523	478*
1889	2,706	2,620	596

* Revised figures.

The gradual increase of this class of business has been considerable. It falls almost entirely on the District Judges, and is therefore an important item of their work.

Nine District Judges and the Subordinate Judges of Bhagulpore and Monghyr have been appointed Special Judges under Section 108 of the Bengal Tenancy Act for the purpose of hearing appeals from the decisions of Revenue Officers under Chapter X of the Act.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

68. The work done by District Judges during each of the past four years is shown in the following table:— Work done by District Judges. (*Table P. 1.*)

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1886 . .	4,213	3,303	536	6,151	6,887	1,837	1,366	5,889
1887 . .	3,944	3,286	440	5,946	6,472	1,737	1,406	5,797
1888 . .	3,758	3,552	466	6,334	7,022	1,944	1,504	6,568
1889 . .	3,581	3,580	421	5,921	6,328	1,964	1,453	7,480
Fluctuation in 1889 compared with 1888.	—177	+28	—45	—413	—694	+20	—51	+912

The number of days devoted to Civil judicial work shows a further decrease, and the number of cases disposed of under all heads, save Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts and criminal appeals, was also less than in 1888.

Work done by Additional Judges. (*Table P. 2.*)

69. The following statement shows the amount of work, Civil and Criminal, done by Additional Judges during the past four years :—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1886 . .	380	150	1	432	615	24	123	...
1887 . .	184	121	3	256	413	10	119	...
1888 . .	342	128	8	498	444	11	110	...
1889 . .	120	133	1	219	381	6	127	...
Difference as compared with 1888.	—222	+5	—7	—279	—63	—5	+17	...

Only one Additional Judge was employed during 1889.

Work done by Subordinate and Small Cause Court Judges. (*Tables P. 3 and F. 1.*)

70. The amount of work done by Subordinate and Small Cause Court Judges during the past four years was as follows :—

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.
1886	67,515	25,478	12,495	591
1887	66,377	25,643	11,990	520
1888	56,589	22,020	12,053	568
1889	54,487	21,601	12,796	650

Of the original suits (54,487) decided by Subordinate and Small Cause Court Judges during the year, 4,809 were decided by nine Subordinate Judges vested with Small Cause Court powers, 631 were decided by Judges of Courts of Small Causes in exercise of their powers as Subordinate Judges under ordinary procedure, and 45,394 suits were decided by Judges of Provincial Small Cause Courts who exercised only those special powers.

An Additional Subordinate Judge was employed in Shahabad throughout the year. An Additional Subordinate Judge also was posted at Monghyr from the 12th February to the 13th December, and then at Alipur from the 21st December till the end of the year.

An Additional Subordinate Judge was employed at Furreedpur from the 15th June to the 25th November, and then at Dacca from the 30th November till the end of the year.

The Subordinate Judge of Purneah was on deputation at Furreedpore from the 11th May to the 14th June, and then at Dacca from the 24th June till the 21st August.

The Subordinate Judge of Dinagepore was on deputation at Dacca from the 22nd August to the 21st November.

The temporary closing of the Subordinate Judges' Courts at Purneah and Dinagepore caused some local inconvenience, but it was found necessary to have recourse to this expedient to afford relief to the business at Furreedpore and Dacca which had become seriously embarrassed, there being no probability of obtaining sanction from Government to the employment of any additional officer. These Subordinate Judges were, however, obliged to return to their ordinary duties before the purpose for which they had been detached was fulfilled.

71. The following figures show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases decided by Munsifs during each of the past three years :— Work done by Munsifs.

	Original suits disposed of under ordinary procedure.		Original suits disposed of under Small Cause Court procedure.		Total.	Miscellaneous cases.
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.		
1887 . .	74,453	231,133	12,825	84,409	402,820	217,088
1888 . .	76,419	238,234	12,046	79,806	406,505	220,460
1889 . .	76,872	245,315	11,159	73,043	406,389	225,414

There were 262 Munsifs employed at the end of 1889 as against 250 at the end of 1888 and 246 at the end of 1887. The 19 temporary Munsifs, whose Courts were opened in May, 1887, continued in office throughout 1889. In addition to these officers, there were 18 other additional officers temporarily employed in Courts where the pressure of work demanded immediate relief, and posted as below :—

1. Serampore (Hooghly), from 23rd February till the end of the year.
2. Ampta (Do.), throughout the year.
3. Bankura, ditto.
4. Murshedabad, ditto.
5. Brahmanberiah (Tipperah), ditto.
6. Chandpur (Do.), from 18th December till the end of the year.
7. Beerboom, from 7th January till the end of the year.
8. Sewan (Sarun), from 27th February ditto ditto.
9. Hathazari and Fatikchari (Chittagong), from 4th March till the end of the year.
10. Patiya and Anwara (Do.), from 25th February ditto ditto.
11. Patuakhally (Backergunge), from 26th February till the end of the year.
12. Pubna, from 8th April till the end of the year.
13. Dacca, from 11th December ditto ditto.
14. Narail (Jessore), from 18th December till the end of the year.
15. Fenny (Noakhally), from 28th ditto ditto ditto.
16. Patna, from 12th December till the end of the year.
17. Maldah (Rajshahye), from 13th December till the end of the year.
18. Puruha (Chota Nagpore), from 1st January till 4th February.

Since the close of the year sanction has been received to the continued retention till the issue of orders on Mr. Stevens' Report, of the 36 Additional Munsifs now employed in Bengal.

One of the Munsifs of Krishnaghar, in Nuddea, was temporarily transferred to Jehanabad, in Hooghly, from the 26th April till the end of the year.

72. Inclusive of the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Courts, the receipts of the Civil Courts for the year under review amounted to R86,31,451, and the charges to R48,88,262. Together with the amount realized on account of duty * on probates, &c., there was, therefore, a profit to Government from civil litigation of R37,43,189, and, exclusive of the item referred to, the surplus amounted to R33,76,471, or more by R1,95,360 than the surplus of 1888. Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts. (*Tables R. and S.*)

	R
Receipts	86,31,451
Charges	48,88,262
	37,43,189
* In High Court . . .	2,12,746
In other Courts	1,53,972
	3,66,718

The Courts at the Presidency being taken by themselves, the charges exceeded the receipts by R1,52,093, thus :—

Receipts.		R	Charges.		R
In stamps	Process fees . .	3,20,482	Salaries of Judicial officers .		5,67,531
	Other fees . .	6,32,677*	Establishment.	Process-servers .	14,718
In cash	Fines . . .	24		Others . .	4,44,850
	Other receipts .	29,538	Contingencies and refunds . .		1,07,715
	TOTAL .	9,82,721		TOTAL .	11,34,814

* Including R2,12,746 realized from Probates and Letters of Administration.

Receipts and Charges.

	R
Receipts	76,48,730*
Charges	37,53,448
	38,95,282

73. In the Civil Courts outside the Presidency town the net financial result for the past year was a surplus of R38,95,282.

There being deducted from both sides of the account the charges on account of process-servers paid by regular salaries, which amounted in the aggregate to R7,08,043 for 1889, the figures for the last three years stand as follows:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
1887	68,57,768	29,79,341	38,78,427
1888	67,73,072	30,32,099	37,40,973
1889	69,40,687	30,45,405	38,95,282

Detailed receipts and charges.

74. In the aggregate the surplus obtained in 1889 was, therefore, R1,54,309 more than that obtained in 1888, and R16,855 in excess of the surplus obtained in 1887.

The following statement gives separately and in detail the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts outside the Presidency town during the year under review:—

Receipts.		R	Charges.		R
In stamps	Process fees	21,85,450	Salaries of Judicial officers		16,95,448
	Other fees	49,13,404	Establishment.	Process-servers	7,08,043
In cash or special stamps.	Fines	7,484		Salaried copying and comparing clerks	55,951
	Copying and comparing fees	4,16,738		Others	8,76,481
	Other receipts	1,25,654	Contingencies.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	2,04,216
				Other contingencies and refunds	2,13,309
TOTAL		76,48,730	TOTAL		37,53,448

The cost of process-servers and of copying and comparing clerks (inclusive of the cost of copyists not on the fixed establishment), being deducted, the net receipts for stamps amounted to R65,47,382. Under the head of Process-fees alone the net gain to Government for 1889 was R14,77,407 as compared with R14,40,423 in 1888.

These returns have been prepared on the same basis as the returns which have been submitted in previous years.

Copying Department.

75. The financial result for the past year of the system of preparing copies in the subordinate Civil Courts is shown below:—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps	...	4,16,738
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks on the fixed establishment	55,951	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	2,04,216	
		2,60,167
Surplus	...	1,56,571

* Including R1,53,972 realized in District Courts on Probates, &c.

The surplus in 1889, which does not include special charges for urgent copies, was R10,682 more than that obtained in 1888.

76. The following statement shows the financial results of the year for each grade of Court:— Financial result for each grade of Court.

	Receipts.	Charges	Surplus or Deficit.
Courts outside the Presidency towns.	R	R	R
Small Cause Courts	4,32,669	2,20,346	+2,12,323
Munsifs' Courts	51,22,587	18,74,013	+32,48,574
Subordinate Judges' Courts	11,26,828	4,98,139	+6,28,689
District and Additional Judges' Courts	9,66,646	11,60,950	—1,94,304
Courts at the Presidency.			
Small Cause Court	3,25,105	2,05,705	+1,19,400
High Court (Original and Appellate)	6,57,616	9,29,109	—2,71,493

As in previous years, the deficit in the High Court is confined to the Appellate Side, where the receipts fell short of the expenditure by R4,66,746. On the Original Side the receipts exceeded the expenditure by R1,95,253, receipts on account of probate duty, &c., being included.

There were also R1,07,908 realized from a fee of R1 charged for administering affidavits. The realizations from this source during the past five years are thus returned:—

	R
1885	1,43,829
1886	1,40,418
1887	1,06,261
1888	1,03,783
1889	1,07,908

77. Under the head of "Fees on Probates and Letters of Administration" R3,66,718 were realized in the past, as compared with R3,28,138 in the previous, year. The amount levied in the District Courts was R1,53,972 in 1889, as against R1,41,072 in 1888. In the High Court, cases relating exclusively to the Province of Assam being omitted, the amount of duty realized was R2,12,746 as compared with R1,87,066 in 1888. Probates, &c. (*Table T.*)

The sums here shown are treated in the returns as receipts of the Civil Courts. Exclusive of these, the surplus or net revenue realized from such Courts was R33,76,471.

78. The receipts and disbursements on account of Civil Court Amins during 1888-89 were as follows:— Civil Court Amins. (*Table U.*)

		Receipts.	Disbursements.
		R	R
1888	Permanent Amins	43,571	37,614
	Temporary „	4,543	5,969
1889	Permanent „	43,306	38,177
	Temporary „	3,387	6,176

A deduction of 10 per cent. for pensions being first taken into account, the total receipts exceeded the expenditure by R2,340 as compared with R4,531 in 1888. On an examination of the figures, district by district, it appears that the deficits occurred in Beerbhoom, Bhagulpore, Burdwan, Cuttack, Dinagepore, Gya, Hooghly, Moorshedabad, Patna, Rungpore, Sarun, and the 24-Pergunnahs. In most instances, however, it was trifling. The total number of Civil Court Amins employed at the close of 1889 was 55. In 1888 the number was 52.

Local investigations. (*Table V.*)

79. Local investigations were held and completed in 1,632 cases, as compared with 1,519 in 1888.

There was a slight increase under all heads, save in cases not exceeding ₹500 and ₹1,000.

Proceedings in insolvency. (*Table W.*)

80. The following statement shows the number of applications for declaration of insolvency filed, determined, and pending in 1888 and 1889:—

	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
1888	380	475	55
1889	274	279	78

The number of applications filed shows a further decrease. Applications were most numerous in the following districts:—

	Filed in 1888.	Filed in 1889.
24-Pergunnahs	85	44
Hooghly	31	36
Bhagulpore	17	25

In nine districts the number filed ranged from 10 to 20, and in 15 districts less than 10 applications were made. In Shahabad and Chota-Nagpore there were no applications.

There was no case under Section 344 of Act XIV of 1882.

Disposal of applications of insolvency.

81. Inclusive of 55 applications pending at the close of 1888, the total number on the files during the following year was 329. Of these 85 were granted, 91 were rejected, 75 were withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted, and 78 were pending at the close of the period under review. Twenty-seven of the applications granted resulted in the appointment of Receivers. Five of the rejected cases ended in imprisonment under Section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure, as compared with one in 1888.

Number of persons declared insolvent and discharged. (*Table W 1.*)

82. The numbers of persons declared insolvent, of persons who obtained their discharge, and of persons who remained undischarged, during the years 1888 and 1889, are given below:—

	Declared to be insolvent.	Discharged.	Pending.
1888	197	189	26
1889	88	85	23

In the following districts the largest number of persons were declared insolvent:—

	1888.	1889.
24-Pergunnahs	44	22
Tirhoot	9	8
Mymensingh	15	7

In Bankura, Cuttack, Jessore, Purneah, Shahabad, Tipperah, and Chota Nagpore, no person was declared insolvent during 1889.

83. The following table shows the status and profession of the 88 persons who were declared insolvent during the year:—

House, land, and lease-holders	2
Zemindars	2
Service	14
Priests and mendicants	3
Traders, shop-keepers, and petty dealers	17
Cultivators	18
Labourers, menials, &c	22
Artizans	5
Doctors and school-masters	3
Men without profession	2
	88

84. The estates of 93 insolvents, including those remaining unsettled at the close of 1888, were in the hands of Receivers during 1889. Proceedings in the case of 38 of these were finally closed during the year. The number of estates placed in the hands of Receivers in 1889 was 28 as against 58 in 1888. The amount realized and disbursed and the balance in the hands of Receivers during each of the past two years were as follows:—

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	R	R	R
1888	23,883	36,724	10,656
1889	8,917	12,754	5,248

Gya and Mymensingh are the two districts in which the greatest decrease occurred. The amount realized fell in the former from R6,615 in 1888 to R30 in 1889, and in the latter from R1,240 to R349. In Moorshedabad nothing was realized.

85. The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service during the year:— Changes in the Subordinate Judicial Service.

Retired	Babu Bolakchand	Sub-Judge.
	„ Matadin	
„	„ Chandra Prosonno Dutt	Munsif.
	„ Ananda Chunder Mullick . . .	
	„ Gokul Chand	
Died	„ Moti Lal Sarkar	Sub-Judge.
	„ Menu Lal Chatterji . . .	
„	„ Janoki Nath Mukerji	Munsif.
	„ Surbanando Dass	
	Moulvi Atta Hossein	
	Babu Gopi Mohun Mukerji . . .	

The following Munsifs were promoted to be Subordinate Judges:—

	Service.			
	Y.	M.	D.	
Babu Bhugwan Chunder Chatterji . .	17	11	13	Rajshahye.
„ Karuna Das Bose	18	7	29	Patna.
„ Kedarnath Chatterji . . .	18	8	1	Beerbhoom.
„ Ananda Kumar Surbadhicari . .	18	8	0	Dinagepore.

The following gentlemen were appointed permanent Munsifs:—

Names.	Degree or other qualifications.	Date of qualification.	Districts to which appointed.
Syed Abdul Aziz . .	...	...	Chota-Nagpore.
Ashutosh Banerji . .	B.L.	12th February 1879	Sylhet.
Poresh Nath Chatterji .	B.L.	6th February 1878	Chittagong.
Ram Charan Mullick .	M.A., B.L.	11th February 1880	Noakhally.
Syud Abdur Rahman .	Bar.-at-Law.	20th December 1880	Rungpore.
Hem Chandra Mukerji	B.L.	11th February 1880	Noakhally.
Kisori Lal Sen . .	B.L.	9th February 1881	Backergunge.
Atulchandra Batabyal .	B.L.	11th February 1880	Chittagong.
Kali Dhon Mukerji .	M.A., B.L.	6th February 1878	Rungpore.
Ambica Charan Mukerji	B.L.	7th February 1877	Purneah.
Advaita Prosad De .	M.A., B.L.	12th February 1879	Tipperah.

SUMMARY.

86. The number of original suits instituted is again greater than that of the previous year and is in excess of that of any previous year except 1887. The peculiarity of this litigation, as was pointed out in the last Annual Report, is a gradual and progressive increase with only very rare fluctuations during the past twenty years. The returns of 1874 and 1881 alone showed any deviation from this progressive increase until 1887, and the smaller numbers of those two years only indicated temporary fluctuations as the returns of the following years repeated the gradual advance. Notwithstanding the tendency of the recent legislation embodied in the Debtors' Act, 1888, and the Succession Certificate Act, 1889, to discourage litigation, the number of suits instituted during 1889 falls little short of that during 1887. It will, however, no doubt shortly recover when litigants have become accustomed to the effect of these laws.

The business in the Appellate Courts shows little variation.

87. The aggregate amount realized in execution of decrees has increased very considerably during the past three years, being returned for 1889 at R1,58,04,530.

88. The Civil Courts consequently have had much additional work thrown upon them. Notwithstanding this very considerable increase of business the number of the Civil Judges has not been proportionately strengthened. This was represented by the High Court to the Government of India in August, 1887, and it was further stated, as the result of a local inspection of the Civil Courts in several districts, that in consequence of the great pressure the administration of justice was not in an efficient and satisfactory condition. The High Court represented that an increase to the existing Judicial establishment of 6 Subordinate Judges and 66 Munsiffs was, in their opinion, necessary. Up to the end of 1889, however, sanction was given only to the temporary employment of 3 Subordinate Judges and 36 Munsiffs. The general question of the increase necessary to the strength of the Subordinate Judicial Service is understood to be now under the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor, to whom it has recently been referred by the Government of India.

89. Annexed to this report are given extracts from inspectional reports of District Judges showing the state of various Court buildings. These reports sufficiently show the very inferior and unworthy accommodation afforded to the Civil Courts.

APPENDIX.

Statement showing the condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, as given in the Reports on the Administration of Civil Justice for 1889, or in the Inspection Reports for that year.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
BACKERGUNGE.	The plans for the new Courts (for Subordinate Judge and Munsifs) at head-quarters were finally settled some months ago, and I was under the impression that orders for the commencement of the work had issued; but there is no sign of anything being done as yet.	Annual Report No. 54, dated 10th March 1890.
Sadar.	Meantime Rs. 200 a month are paid as rent for Munsifs' cutcheries, and the accommodation for the First Subordinate Judge and for the District Judge's office is very inadequate, and the record-room is full to overflowing.	
Perozepur.	The only Mofussil Courts I have seen are those at Perozepur. The Court-houses are mat and thatch bungalows, well raised and neatly kept; but they are too close together, and located near a fetid pool which is dangerous to the health of the officers working there. A separate sub-house for the Nazir has been built during the year, but more office room for the amla is still required.	
Patuakhali.	The Patuakhali buildings are of the same kind. A new Court-house had to be erected during the year for the Additional Munsif with the limited funds at my disposal, and in the short time available it was not possible to erect a satisfactory building. In March last year a fire, believed to be incendiary, broke out in the Second Munsif's Court, but was fortunately discovered in time. I then reported the circumstances to the Government of Bengal, who had a plan prepared for *pucca* buildings, but informed me that no funds were at present available. The Courts have again had a narrow escape from destruction by fire (on 26th February). They were saved with great difficulty, as after the records had been carried out the fire was arrested within a few yards of the cutcheries. Sooner or later it must be anticipated that the Courts will be burnt, and possibly the records with them.	
Bhola.	At Bhola complaints are made of the state of the First Munsif's bungalow: it is not raised above the ground, and is consequently very damp and ravaged by white-ants. I have ineffectually asked the Public Works Department to supply a tiled floor.	
BANKURA.	The Court-buildings at the head-quarters are in good order, the quadrennial repairs being completed during the year. There are three cutcheries only for the Civil Courts. Some inconvenience is felt when the Subordinate Judge and the Additional Munsif both work at the head-quarters, and the Collector very kindly lends us the use of one room, and the ministerial officers of the Additional Munsif sit in the verandah. There ought to be a double Munsif's Court at the head-quarters. A proposition has been sent to the Public Works Department for an additional record-room, a room for the accommodation of witnesses, and a portico. The plans and estimates sent to me have been approved.	Annual Report No. 221, dated 15th February 1890.
Sadar.		

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Bishenpur, Kotulpur, and Khatra.	The buildings of the Munsifs' Court at Bishenpur, Kotulpur, and Khatra are in good order. Gangajulghatty is the only Munsifi now in the district where the Court is held in a thatched building. I request that you will move the Honorable Court to address the Government of Bengal for a *pucca* building of the standard plan being constructed there. The thatched building has been kept in good order.	
BEERBHUM. *Sadar.*	The buildings occupied by the Courts at the Sadar Station are now under quadrennial repairs, which will be effected in a week or two. I inspected the Court-houses at the outlying stations and made the following observations in my report to the Honorable Judges :— "A full description of the Court-buildings will be found at paragraph 2 of my last inspection report, No. 41, dated the 10th January 1889. Since then, however, Government allowed me a special grant, and the Munsif, under my instruction, has erected a very tidy, little 3-roomed bungalow to serve as Court and Office for the Additional Munsif. The work was rapidly and economically carried out, and I think the Munsif deserves much credit for the pains he took in this matter. However, I am glad to say that the question of accommodation is about to enter upon a new phase, as I understand that the Public Works Department are about to commence almost immediately the construction of a masonry building for the Court and Office of two Munsifs. I have selected what I regard as a particularly suitable site, and am this day taking steps for its acquisition under the Act. "The Court and Office are housed in a wretched, little, mud and thatched bungalow. The Public Works Department have, however, intimated to me that they propose shortly to erect a masonry building." I fully described the building in my last inspection report (No. 1074, dated 16th November 1888), and have nothing to add except that my endeavours to induce Government to enlarge it have not been successful, and that the result is that the unfortunate Munsif is deprived of his private room. The Public Works Department have just commenced repairs, and I am pressing them at least to build sunshades (if a verandah be impossible) to protect the south windows of the Court-room, and to paint the inside of the walls black for 6 feet from the ground, as their present condition is a perfect eye-sore.	Annual Report No. 192, dated 14th February 1890.
BHAGULPORE. *Sadar.*	The Court-buildings at head-quarters, Bhagulpore, are occupied by the Courts and Offices of the District Judge, Subordinate Judge, Judge, Small Cause Court, and Additional Subordinate Judge. There is hardly enough accommodation for all the ministerial officers and records, and great inconvenience is felt by all. Every available nook is filled up, and forms and books have to be kept on shelves fixed to the wall, a practice which is deprecated by the Public Works Department, who say that the building suffers in its stability. There is no help however. It would be well if some additional rooms are added to the building, and that as soon as possible. The Munsif occupies a small building in close proximity, but as the deputation of an Additional Munsif is frequently necessary to assist him in clearing off the arrears which generally accumulate here, the building becomes very uncomfortable for all for want of sufficient accommodation. The Munsif writes :— "The conversion of the northern verandah into a room would not impair but rather add to the symmetry of the building." This would no doubt afford additional accommodation, and I have made the proposal to the Public Works	Annual Report No. 170, dated 8th February 1890.

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c. —continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Sadar— (continued.)	Department, who were precluded from undertaking this alteration, as the rules of the Department prohibit the closing up of arched verandahs for rooms. If one big and two small rooms can be added, however, on any side of the building, for which there is abundant place, all the inconvenience which is now felt will be removed.	
Madhepura.	The Court-building at Madhepura is a wretched *kutcha* house thatched with straw, which affords little accommodation for the Court amla. There is absolute necessity for a good, substantial building at this place. Not to say anything of the risk which the records and cash incur by reason of the building being thatched, the very fact of the house being low, without proper windows, ill-ventilated, and with mud walls make it very unhealthy, and complaints of sickness from the presiding officer and his amla and apprentices are frequent as a matter of fact. I am told that the Madhepura Thana has recently become extremely unhealthy.	
Banka.	At Banka a new Court-house has been constructed by the Public Works Department on the standard plan, and the Munsif is to occupy it from 1st February 1890. I hope to inspect it shortly.	
Monghyr.	The Court of the Subordinate Judge of Monghyr is held in a *pucca* building, which is in charge of the Public Works Department. It is also occupied by the officers of the Small Cause Court ; it is kept in good repair. The building also used by the Munsifs at head-quarters (Monghyr) is in good condition, and is in charge of the Public Works Department, but the accommodation is insufficient. The Munsif writes that additions and alterations are urgently needed. The shaky wooden *ejlas*, says the Munsif, should be replaced by a brick and plaster platform, and the doors of the office rooms should be provided with wooden railings.	
Begu-serai.	At Begu-serai the Court-house is a tiled bungalow with brick floor. The ceiling cloth of the *ejlas* rooms has been renewed. The *ejlas* requires to be a *pucca* raised platform. All these matters require funds which it is not easy to provide.	
Jamui.	Of the building at Jamui the present Munsif writes :— "My predecessor had in his last year's annual report pointed out the indispensable necessity of the erection of a verandah to the west of the building to prevent the western wall from being washed off by the rains, as also to prevent rain-water from being drifted into the record-room. Your Honour had, in your last inspection report, recommended the re-erection of a brick wall or a verandah to the west. During the last rainy season some papers and registers became wet and somewhat spoiled by the draughts of rain and sand, and I accordingly addressed the then District Judge, Mr. Caspersz, for his asking the Executive Engineer to do the needful." The Executive Engineer will have nothing to do with a building which is not in his special charge, and all we can hope to do with the funds at our disposal is to keep the building wind and water-tight, and even that is not possible in some cases. If it were possible to get even in a year some special money grants, we could count upon doing something to prevent risk to records and money, and at the same time to make the officer and his men a little more comfortable than they are at present.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
BURDWAN.	The Munsif of Bud-Bud reports that his Court-house is in a bad state of repairs. I have several times already reported about the state of this building, but nothing is done. A new Court-house for the Munsif should be built at Maukar.	Annual Report No. 391, dated —— February 1890.
Bud-Bud.		
Katwa.	Both the Munsifs of Katwa report that their Court-house requires thorough repairs.	
Kalna.	The Munsif of Kalna reports that his Court-house does not afford sufficient accommodation for the officers of his Court, and that it requires some additional rooms.	
CHITTAGONG.	As I observed in my report of last year, the inconvenience which has hitherto been felt at head-quarters in consequence of the insufficient accommodation for judicial officers' establishment and records will soon be remedied by the opening of the new Court-buildings which is expected to take place in the early part of next year.	Annual Report No. 172, dated 27th February 1890.
Sadar.	I have been over the portion of the building intended for the accommodation of judicial officers in the company of the Executive Engineer, and all the rooms appear to be very well adapted for the work to be done in them.	
Cox's Bazar and Hathazari.	The Munsif of Cox's Bazar is the only Munsif who has a *pucca* building on the standard plan. However, the *pucca* building at Hathazari is very nearly, if not quite, completed, and the Munsif will be able to move into it soon.	
	I would bring to the notice of the High Court that the standard plan does not appear to me to be at all complete, in that it provides no separate accommodation for the Nazarath Department. At Cox's Bazar the Munsif makes use of a separate mat building for the purpose. In these days, when the business of all the offices has so much increased, it is impossible to crowd the Vernacular, Copying, and Nazarath Departments into one room.	
Patiya.	The other Munsifs occupy mat buildings. Of these, only those at Patiya are under the supervision of the Public Works Department. I find it to be very difficult, nay impossible, to keep the buildings in a proper state of repair and supply the offices with a proper amount of furniture on the comparatively small sum allotted in the Budget. The Munsifs make frequent requisitions for repairs and furniture with which I am unable to comply.	
	The Munsifs of this district have just cause of complaint. They have to sit all day in Courts, as little adapted to the work which has to be performed in them as it is possible to imagine, admitting, as they do, both wind and rain. They are also obliged to make shift with very indifferent lodgings hired at their own expense. The circumstances of the district oblige them to leave their families at home. When to these drawbacks is added the absence of all congenial society, it is not to be wondered at that the officers of this district fall easy victims to the prevalent malaria, thereby necessitating frequent transfers on account of ill-health. When making inspections I have often been surprised that the men, surrounded as they are by so many adverse circumstances, do as good work as they do.	
	There is little doubt that a strong wind or cyclone would carry away some of the existing buildings, supported as they are on half-rotten posts.	

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—contined.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
North and South Raojan, Anwara, and Satkaniya.	I intend to submit a report soon on the subject of the amalgamation of the following Courts, North and South Raojan, Anwara, and Satkaniya. If this is done, Government might build *pucca* Courts at the selected centres. This arrangement would also give the Munsifs the advantage of one another's company and counsel, which are often much needed by judicial officers. It would also tend to improve the condition of the Bar in the Munsif's Courts. Considerable inconvenience has been felt during the year in consequence of insufficient space for the records. A requisition has been lately submitted to the Public Works Department for some arrangement to be made pending the opening of the new Courts.	
CUTTACK. *Sadar.*	The Court-house at the Sadar Station is a poor building with insufficient accommodation. The necessity of replacing the present tiled roof of the verandahs in the Judge's Court with a flat-terraced roof, and the conversion of a part of the eastern verandah into a room for the Nazir's office and the enlargement of the adjoining bath-room to provide more convenient accommodation of the Nazir's *malkhana*, and the enlargement of the eastern room of the Cuttack Munsif's Court, which were for years the subject of proposals for original works to the Public Works Department, have attracted the attention of the Public Works authorities, and an estimate and a plan have been submitted. The necessity of additional space and accommodation in the record-room has been more felt, and I shall make this the subject of a separate proposal for original works to the Public Works Department this year.	Annual Report No. 300, dated 28th May 1890.
Balasore.	The Munsif of Balasore, who was holding his Court in a hired building, has moved to the new Government buildings, where accommodation was provided for him. The rooms assigned to him in the buildings were reported by him to be inadequate, and Mr. Worgan during his stay there in August last on Sessions duty visited the building with the Executive Engineer, and in communication with the Collector of the place was able to procure two more rooms. The Munsif now wants that three of the rooms allotted to him should be made safer by fixing iron gratings to the windows at a cost of Rs. 325. The proposal is in abeyance pending my personal inspection of the building.	
DACCA. *Manikgunge.*	As regards the judicial buildings in this district, I may here quote a paragraph from my report of inspection of the Manikgunge Munsif's Courts, dated December 1889, giving a detailed account of the judicial buildings of that place:— "The buildings in which the Munsifs hold their cutcherry are on the low land below an embanked road which protects the village from the overflow of a *khal* running through the village. Mr. Page in the course of his inspection in 1887 observed that the present buildings are superior in some respects to the proposed *pucca* Courts in the standard plan. I altogether dissent from thisview. They are certainly the worst buildings I have ever seen in which judicial officers are expected to work, and are quite unfit for human habitation. All three Courts are of a similar nature. The floor, if floor it can be called, differs in no respects from the condition of an ordinary field. It is of mud and is full of holes or ruts, and even in the dry season is damp owing to being below the level of the road. The roof is of thatch which is in many places out of repairs, and is supported by wooden posts, the majority of which are rotten, and some are altogether separated from the floor by decay and white-ants. The walls	Annual Report No. 217, dated 15th February 1890.

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Manikgunge—(continued).	are of bamboo matting worn into holes in all directions. There are two or three wooden doors, which are off their hinges with decay and damp, and the rain can enter from all sides. Mr. Page observes 'that the floors raised above ordinary flood-level, and the inundation of last year, during which, according to the reports received, the water rose into the almirah and the furniture and attached property had to be tied to prevent them from floating away, must have been altogether exceptional.' That it is not exceptional is shown clearly enough by the same thing happening this year. The compounds of the Third Munsif's Court-building, which is a Public Works Department building, and the ground-floor of the First Munsif's Court-house were under water, and raised bamboo platforms had to be erected for the First Munsif's *ejlas* and his office, and a bamboo bridge over the road leading to the Third Munsif's record-room from his Court-house. The Munsifs' reports show the extent to which the flood covered the area of the Court-houses. Traces were shewn to me of water-marks, some 6 or 8 inches above the level of the floor, on the posts, and the Munsifs were obliged for some time (about a week) to enter their Court-houses from boats. It is impossible considering the level of the Courts but that they should be inundated whenever the water on the *khal* rises beyond a certain point; notwithstanding the embankment, water percolates through and crosses the area in which the Courts stand. It is impossible to expect judicial officers to be other than discontented and aggrieved at being compelled to work in such buildings as these. It appears to me that one of two courses should be adopted—either the Munsifis should be removed from their present site Dasora, to the banks of the river Dhaleswari, 3 miles off, where high ground, a better climate, and easier accessibility to Dacca are obtainable, or the present buildings should be dismantled, the ground raised 3 or 4 feet at least, and better buildings erected on their present site. The materials of which the Court-houses are now composed are so rotten, worn out, and filthy that they should be destroyed. A further report will be submitted on this point after the Magistrate of the District has been consulted as to the advisability of removing the Government offices to the banks of the Dhaleswari." The Magistrate, whom I addressed officially on the subject of a memorial presented to me for the removal of the Courts, has replied that, owing to the change that is at present going on in the river currents of the neighbourhood, he is not prepared at present to move in the matter.	
Sadar.	No steps have yet been taken for the construction of the proposed two-storied building at Dacca for the accommodation of the Second and Additional Subordinate Judges and the Additional Munsif, although the matter has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the authorities as a very urgent one. The Additional Subordinate Judge and the Second Additional Munsif now located at Dacca have to hold their Courts in the small retiring rooms of other officers, while their respective establishments are located at a considerable distance from their Courts, in small compartments of the other Courts, partitioned off by screens, resulting in great inconvenience to the officers themselves and embarrassment to public business in sending for them when required by the Munsifs. There is also much interruption in official work from the noise inevitable when two establishments are practically located in the same room. None of the subordinate judicial officers at Dacca, except the Small Cause Court Judge, has any retiring room at present. I consider that the subordinate judicial officers here labour under a very real and serious grievance in having to work under such conditions as may be inferred from the fact last mentioned. The Small Cause Court Judge of Dacca reports:— "The Dacca Small Cause Court is held in a hired building which is out of repairs; the doors and windows are not safe, and cannot be properly closed. The Munshigunge Small Cause Court is held in a Government building which needs repairs, as the roofs have cracked and become leaky; the doors and windows also need repairs."	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Sadar— (continued).	I may observe here that the room, in which the offices of the First and Second Munsifs of Dacca are located, is divided lengthwise east to west by a partition wall against the doors on the south and north. This partition wall impedes light and air in both the offices, and I propose to ask the Public Works Department to place the partition in the middle of the room breadthways, that is, north to south, to admit sufficient light and air to the two offices. The Court compound, urinal, and privy, which have been built close to the First Munsif's Court-room, ought to be removed to a more suitable site when the new buildings are erected.	
Manikgunge, Naraingunge, and Kaligunge.	The following extracts relate to the conditions of the judicial buildings at Manikgunge, Naraingunge, and Kaligunge :—	
	"Nothing has been done towards the erection of the proposed *pucca* building at Manikgunge for the accommodation of three Munsifs of that place, and of a *pucca malkhana* at Naraingunge.	
Dacca.	"Considering, however, the urgent necessity for a *malkhana* at Naraingunge, I sanctioned in April last a sum of Rs. 100 for the erection of a temporary *malkhana*, and with this sum a mat building with thatched roof and mud floor has since been erected. During my recent inspection I found that it is unsuited for the purpose of storing attached property and is very unsafe.	
	"The Courts of the Munsifs of Kaligunge are now held in two bamboo mat buildings with thatched roof erected by the Public Works Department in 1881."	
DINAGEPORE.	The District Court-building, which accommodates the District Judges, Subordinate Judges, and Sadar Munsif's Courts and Offices, is in good order. There are no other changes calling for notice, except that the construction of the Court-building for the Sadar Munsif on the standard plan is expected to be finished by the end of March next, when much room will be freed in the main building for the offices of the District Judge and Subordinate Judge.	Annual Report No. 260, dated 17th February 1890.
Sadar.		
Thakurgaon.	As the Munsif's Court at Thakurgaon is located in a place where there is a sub-division, it is very desirable that the Court-building there, as recommended in the inspection report of this office, dated 24th August 1888, should be constructed on the standard plan. The Munsif reports that the present Court-house needs a thorough repair, and I have called on the Munsif to submit an estimate for the purpose. I think a new masonry building ought to be erected.	
Raigunge.	The present Court-house of the Munsif of Raigunge, which consists of a mat-walled bungalow built on a mud plinth, was repaired in last rains. But as the Munsif expects to occupy the *pucca* house, which is now being built on the standard plan for his office, after the close of the present financial year, no further remarks appear necessary. The Public Works Department has been requested to supply the new Court-house of this Munsif with necessary fixtures and furniture and iron racks for the record-room.	
Balurghat.	The Munsif of Balurghat reports that the condition of his Court-house is not satisfactory. The *pucca* Court-house which is now being built is expected to be complete by the month of March next.	
Phulbari.	The Munsif of Phulbari having reported that some very important repairs and an addition of another verandah are necessary in his Court-building, I have requested him to send requisition through this office to the Public Works Department for the purpose. The	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Phulbari—(continued).	Munsif has also been instructed to make certain petty repairs locally. I have asked the Munsif also to submit an estimate for the construction of a shed for accommodation for witnesses and for the storage of attached moveable properties. If, on receipt of this, I find that funds are available out of the allotments for contingent expenditures, I will arrange to take up the work at once. Otherwise I will move the Government on the subject.	
Darjeeling and Siliguri.	There is nothing new to report with regard to the buildings at Darjeeling and Siliguri.	
Kurseong.	As reported last year, the Court-buildings at Kurseong are in good order and commodious. There are no separate buildings for the Civil Court.	
FURRIDPUR.		
Bhanga and Chikandi.	Attention has been repeatedly invited to the unsatisfactory state of the Court-houses for Munsifs at Bhanga and Chikandi, where the accommodation is wretched and insufficient. For a detailed account of these I beg to refer to my inspection reports of those chowkis. The places are subject to inundation and the compounds get under water. The thatched houses with mud walls are damp, insecure, and too small and kept in indifferent repairs for want of sufficient funds. The Public Works Department ought to build new Court-houses or take charge of the existing ones and improve them. During the year under review I had a separate bungalow built at Chikandi for the accommodation of the Nazir and the copyists, which afforded some relief to the First Court. A *pucca* record-room is urgently wanted at both these chowkis.	Annual Report No. 139, dated 20th/21st February 1890.
Goalundo and Madaripore.	At Goalundo and Madaripore there is no shelter from sun and rain for suitors and witnesses when waiting in the Court compound for their cases. The Executive Engineer of Dacca has been written to, and it is likely that a shed of some kind will be constructed at Goalundo. The standard plan of Munsif's double Court-houses adopted by the Public Works Department is in itself defective, there being no verandah to the building on any side, and the accommodation allowed being insufficient for two Courts, their offices, the Nazarath, and the Copying Departments.	
GYA.	The Judge's Court-house is in good repair. The accommodation for the Court's establishment is unsuitable and insufficient. Since the close of the year I have, by reducing the size of the Court formerly used by the Subordinate Judge, provided a room for the use of the copyists who till then sat in the verandah of the record-room. The building occupied by the Munsif is in fair repair, but the accommodation for their establishments is insufficient. They occupy the space in the Court-rooms which should be available for the public. I have addressed the Executive Engineer, asking that the west and south verandahs may be closed in. This can be done at small expense, and will provide the necessary extra rooms.	Annual Report No. 150, dated 13th February 1890.
Aurungabad.	The Court of the Munsif of Aurangabad is in good repair and very well suited for its purpose. At head-quarters after the close of the year the two Subordinate Judges removed into the old Registration Office, which has been put in good repair and is suitable for the purpose.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
HOOGHLY.	The condition of the Civil Court-building during the past was the same as in the previous year. There is nothing to add to what has already been said in previous reports, except that inconvenience is felt in the District Record Office for want of room and racks.	Annual Report No. 217, dated 13th February 1890.
JESSORE.	The Civil Court buildings at the head-quarters have received no addition or alteration since last year. They are now undergoing the usual quadrennial repairs.	Annual Report No. 162 G., dated 12th February 1890.
Sadar.	The First Subordinate Judge and two of the Sadar Munsifs ask for a verandah to be attached to their respective Court-houses as a protection against the sun and dust and rain. The Second Sadar Munsif also complains of the want of a retiring room, which ought certainly to be supplied.	
	The Court-houses in the interior are, generally speaking, in a tolerably good condition. Great inconvenience is said to be felt at Magura owing to the utter want of accommodation for the Additional Munsif recently deputed there. He, it is said, holds his sittings partly in the Small Cause Court building when the itinerant Small Cause Court Judge is not there, and partly in a hut made by the pleaders for their own use when the Small Cause Court Judge goes there on circuit, putting the pleaders then to no small inconvenience.	
Jhenidah.	The necessity of replacing the present wretched bungalow of the Jhenidah Munsifi by a totally new building to be made by the Public Works Department on the standard plan, was strongly represented last year by Mr. McLaughlin after personal inspection; but nothing has yet been done in that direction.	
Bongong.	The new building for the Bongong Munsifi, mentioned in last year's report as being in course of preparation, has been finished and recently taken charge of and occupied by the Munsif. The only want now felt there is, as I have myself seen, the want of furniture. I have accordingly addressed the Local Government to direct the Public Works Department to supply the new building with the necessary equipment.	
MIDNAPORE.	The head-quarters Court-house is in good repair, but want of house-room is felt more or less by every	Annual Report No. 353, dated 15th
Sadar.	Court and Office accommodated in it. The Additional Munsif of Midnapore, who held his Court in a common room, measuring 16 feet by 12, was the most inconvenienced of all. The room was often crowded to suffocation, and it would have been cruelty to ask him to continue there longer. I have therefore removed him to a more spacious room which was hitherto occupied by the accountants, the translator, and the library of this Court. The result has been that the accountants have been relegated to the room vacated by the Additional Munsif, and the library to a small room taken away from the Rent-suit Munsif, who used it as his record-room, and where there is no sufficient space for all the library almirahs, one or two of which have to be kept in the verandah. The translator has been transferred to the English Office to the inconvenience of all concerned.	February 1890.
	The Small Cause Court Judge reports that "great inconvenience is felt in keeping the records, &c., within the office room which is already too much packed," while the Subordinate Judge of the Second Court complains that his room is not well ventilated.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Sadar—(continued).	The Extra Munsif deputed from Contai to assist in reducing the files of the Sadar Munsifi occupies a small, ill-ventilated back-room on the north of the Nazir's office, which was formerly used as a godown for attached property, where he holds his Court to the great inconvenience of himself and the public. My original proposal was to place the Munsif and his establishment under canvas, but the Collector could not give me the loan of a tent; thus there was no other alternative than to put him where he now is. As reported last year, two of the witness rooms have been converted into offices, and the Rent-suit Munsif, Babu Bhuban Mohun Ganguli, reports that witnesses are now huddled together into the room occupied by his amla, sometimes to their great inconvenience. Unless, therefore, a double or treble Court-house on the standard plan is built for the Munsifs at the Sadar Station, or additional accommodation is provided for by a second story over the existing set of rooms, there will be no end to the inconvenience felt at present. I proposed to hire a house for the accommodation of some of the Courts, but the pleaders strongly object to it on the ground that it would be inconvenient for them and the suitors if some of the Courts be removed to a distance from the others.	
Garbetta.	Of the Mofussil Court-house the Munsif of Garbetta occupies a portion of the old sub-divisional building there which gives him sufficient accommodation for the present. The Public Works authorities have submitted an estimate for converting a thatched verandah into a *pucca* one, and when this is done, I think the Munsif will have no complaints to make for some time to come.	
Tamluk.	The state of things at Tamluk has been reported to the High Court in my recent Memorandum of Inspection of the Courts and Offices of the Munsifs there. An estimate for the construction of a temporary Court-house departmentally for the Third Court is now under preparation, and will be submitted to Government as soon as possible. The Court-houses of the Firstand Second Courts are borne in the books of the Public Works Department, by which an estimate amounting to Rs. 92 has been framed for carrying out certain repairs which the two bungalows are in need of.	
Contai.	About the Contai Court-house I have nothing to add to what I said in last year's report, except that the building is now undergoing repairs which, as the Munsif reports, commenced during the Dusserah vacation and are expected to be completed before the close of the current financial year. The Additional Munsif of Contai has still a small hut for his Court-house which, as I stated last year, is quite unsuited to the purposes for which it is used. As the state of the files renders the permanent retention of the additional Court a matter of necessity, it ought to have a permanent local habitation now.	
Dantoon.	At Dantoon the Public Works Department has begun brickmaking for the proposed *pucca* Court-house, the Munsif still holding his Court in the hired house referred to in the last year's report.	
Ghatal.	A detailed account of the new double Court-house at Ghatal was given in my Memorandum of Inspection of the Munsif's Court and Office submitted in August last.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
MOORSHEDABAD. *Azimgunj.*	The Court-house is in a fair state of repair. The thatched roof requires looking to as well as the hedge round the Court compound. The doors, windows, and the railing in the Court-room should be painted. I would leave the Court-house in its present site and make it a *pucca* building. With a thatched roof it is very liable to be burnt down, situated as it is so near the bazar. The furniture is in good order except some chairs which should be sent to Berhampur for repairs.	Inspection Report No. 440, dated 1st May 1890.
MYMENSINGH. *Sadar.*	The new Civil Court-building at the Sadar requires no particular remark, but it appears that the accommodation provided for the record-room is quite insufficient. There will be a necessity within a short period for adding two other rooms now occupied by the Nazarath Department to the record-room. The Court-houses in the interior are said to be generally in fair order; most of them require annual repairs, involving in many cases considerable sums.	Annual Report No. 614, dated 18th March 1890.
Netrokona and Jamalpore.	It is proposed that there will be combined Civil and Criminal Court-buildings at Netrokona and Jamalpore. The plans and estimates thereof have been approved and countersigned by me and the District Magistrate.	
Pingna, Bazitpore, and Iswargunge.	It is desirable that the Court-houses at Pingna, Bazitpore, and Iswargunge should also be masonry buildings.	
NOAKHALLY. *Sundeep.* *Fenny and Begumgunge.*	The Munsifs' Courts are, as stated in previous reports, held in all instances, except that of Sundeep, in mat-walled thatched bungalows. They are in good condition except those at Fenny and Begumgunge, which, it is said, will require thorough repairs this season. The Sundeep Munsif holds his Court in the Public Works Inspection Bungalow, a substantial brick-walled and thatched house. My Court is still held in the Circuit-house, and the need for additional accommodation for the records is of course felt more than ever. The plans and estimates for the new Court-house have been sanctioned, and the site has been chosen, but there is no alacrity displayed in beginning the work, and it would be taking too sanguine a view of the situation to expect to have the new Court ready for occupation within the next three years. The plans and estimates for a new masonry Court-house at Fenny were also passed some months ago, but I have not heard that the building has been begun.	Annual Report No. 378, dated 6th February 1890.
NUDDEA. *Sadar.*	The judicial buildings at the head-quarters have undergone their quadrennial repairs during the year, and are in pretty good condition. Much improvement has been made by opening bigger windows with glass doors in the English Office of the District Court. The useless beams have been replaced by strong iron beams. The Vernacular Department room is dark and ill-ventilated. In December last I enquired of the Executive Engineer if similar improvements as those done in the English Office could be done this year with the funds at his disposal. The Executive Engineer having replied in the negative, I am thinking of taking up the proposed work from the funds at my disposal, if I can spare the money.	Annual Report No. 231, dated 8th February 1890.
Ranaghat.	The Munsif's Court Bungalow at Ranaghat was improved by raising the walls all round by one foot, substituting bigger windows in the amlas' room, and rethatching of part of the roof at a cost of Rs. 129. The remainder of the roof will require rethatching before the next rains set in. An estimate will be called for and sufficient sum will be allowed for this purpose.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Chuadangah.	The Munsif's Court Bungalow at Chuadangah has undergone repairs at a cost of Rs. 100. I suggested to the Munsif during my last inspection of his Court that the windows should be enlarged and glass doors put up to give more light and air. I am awaiting an estimate for this proposed work.	
Meherpur.	The Munsif's Court Bungalow at Meherpur has been rebuilt during the year under review with a cost of Rs. 329. It is now in more decent order than it was before. The tiling of the floors and plastering of the walls are necessary. If funds admit, I will sanction sufficient sum for the proposed work.	
Kushtea.	The First Munsif of Kushtea reports that the matted bungalow in which the establishments of both the Courts are located needs repairs. The floor is in a bad condition, and wooden posts are necessary to keep up the thatches. Rupees 3-4-0 was expended under my sanction for the repairs to the thatch. I will sanction a sufficient amount for this proposed work.	
Small Cause Court at Ranaghat.	The Judge of the Small Cause Court at Ranaghat reports, in regard to the portion of Sub-divisional building occupied by him for his Court and Offices that the whole building was thoroughly repaired in 1887. Rain-water leaked from the roofs of the record-room and the office verandah during the rainy season that followed. The Public Works Department having been addressed to on the subject, slight repairs were done, but the evil was not removed as reported last year. During the last rainy season the rain-water leaked slightly in a few places, and repairs to them will be necessary before the commencement of the next rainy season. An extract of this paragraph has been forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Nuddea Rivers Division, Berhampur, for needful.	
Small Cause Court at Meherpur.	The Judge of Meherpur Court reports that the roof of the southern wing was found in November last to be very leaky, that as well as certain wooden door frames require repairs. Copy of this paragraph has been sent to the Executive Engineer.	
Small Cause Courts at Kushtea and Chuadangah.	The Small Cause Courts at Kushtea and Chuadangah are held in a portion of the Sub-divisional building and are in good order, they having undergone repairs only lately.	
	I have reported on the state of the buildings in my inspection of each Court, and would refer the Honorable Court to the remarks therein made at the time of personal inspection of the buildings. All the Courts complain of the want of proper and secure *malkhana* for the custody of attached property. When inspecting Ranaghat Munsifi the verandah was found to be stacked with bags of *dhan* to protect it from the heavy rain in November. Other property was stacked under a neighbouring banyan tree.	
PURNEAH. *Sadar.*	During the past year a new record-room has been added to the District Court. This gives more space for the rapidly accumulating store of records, and is a welcome addition to the present inconvenient and badly-arranged Court-house. Besides this, part of the verandah has been paved with stone.	Annual Report No. 191, dated 25th February 1890.
	There is, however, still a portion of the verandah left unpaved, and the whole of the verandah roof is tiled and by no means water-proof.	

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Kudwa.	The new brick Munsifi at Kudwa has been erected, and was entered at the commencement of this year. In this connection I would call the attention of the High Court to the inadequacy of the accommodation provided by the standard plan. In the case of the Kudwa Munsifi the closed verandahs to be used as office rooms are so small that the insertion of shelves, tables, and chairs for the clerks will leave no sufficient passage.	
Arrareah. *Kishengunge.*	At Arrareah I am informed that a single brick Munsifi has been commenced. Both at this place and at Kishengunge large double offices are required and have been noted by Government as necessary, and I have already noted in my inspection report on the Kishengunge Munsifi that the existing buildings are a disgrace to the Administration. The Court-houses are mat and bamboo erections, floored with earth only, very dark, and the verandahs used for the accommodation of the office are most inconvenient. It is a great pity that a *pucca* building cannot be provided.	
RAJSHAHYE. *Sadar.* *Nattore and Shibgunge.* *Nowgong.*	There has been no change during the past year in the state of the judicial buildings, except that the part of the building occupied by the Commissioner's office has been placed at my disposal by the removal of his office to Julpaiguri. The buildings at head-quarters are good, but the Courts at Nattore and Shibgunge are very poor. The new Court-house at Nowgong was finished in April last.	Annual Report No. 244, dated 15th February 1890.
RUNGPORE. *Sadar.*	*Condition of judicial buildings.*—Those at head-quarters are in the same state as usual—old, but still serviceable. There is to be a new Collectorate cutcherry built here some time or other, in which accommodation is to be provided for three Munsifs. I have seen and countersigned the plan of the building, but when it will get beyond a plan on paper I cannot say.	Annual Report No. 176 G., dated 11th February 1890.
Gaibandha.	At Gaibandha there is at last a brick-built Munsifi to accommodate two Munsifs. It is rather deficient in room, still wanting a Nazir's office and *malkhana*. I have reported to Government on this matter, and hope that there will be at all events a mat and thatch addition for these needs, if not a brick-built one.	
Julpaiguri.	At Julpaiguri the Munsif's cutcherry is the best of the mat and thatch ones, having been formerly a private residence I believe. It is now in good repair, and the accommodation is sufficient.	
Nelphamari and Kurigram.	At Nelphamari and Kurigram the old inferior mat and thatch structures remain, but plans for brick-built Munsifis for each place have been passed; and I believe that the Public Works authorities have even got as far as seeing about burning some bricks for their construction, so that in two years more, I dare say, the cutcherries may be ready. I would not be too sanguine, however, for the bricks for the Gaibandha Courts were burnt and ready longer than that before the building began. At Olipore, where the Munsif's powers are exercised by the Sub-Divisional Officer, he does the Munsif's work in the mat and thatch Sub-divisional bungalow.	
SARUN. *Sadar.*	The two Court-houses at head-quarters have been recently thoroughly repaired, and two additional rooms available for the accommodation of the records	Annual Report No. 100, dated 22nd February 1890.

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Sadar— (continued).	owing to the construction of a new Court-room for the District Judge. But as batten doors and iron gratings have not as yet been supplied for these rooms, I cannot take upon myself the responsibility of depositing records in them. I have accordingly asked the Public Works Department to supply the deficiency to enable me to utilize these rooms. The matter appears to have been overlooked when the estimate was prepared.	
Sewan.	The two buildings occupied by the two Munsifs are in good order, and they afford sufficient accommodation.	
Motiharee.	The building occupied by the Munsifs is in good order, and is in every respect suited to their requirements.	
SHAHABAD.	Moulvi Mahomed Nesarul Huq, the Officiating Munsif, holds his Court in the Civil Cutcherry, which is	Inspection Report No. 947, dated 30th December 1889.
Buxar.	under the charge of the Public Works Department, while the Additional Munsif, Babu Purna Chunder Dey, occupies two rooms in a small house adjoining the Civil Court compound. For these two rooms Rs. 10 a month are paid, and though they are conveniently near the Civil Court, they are much too small for the purpose to which they are now applied, while the office furniture is in a most dilapidated condition. If, as I hope, a Second Munsif is to be stationed permanently at Buxar, I think the present Civil Court-house should be doubled, so that two Munsifs and their establishments may be accommodated and new office furniture should be supplied, as the existing arrangements are far from satisfactory. The Officiating Munsif has a very good and airy Court-room, but his office accommodation is very cramped and insufficient. A small room without verandahs has been built for the Nazir, south of the main building and at some distance from it, but in the hot season the sun pours into this room, and it becomes so heated that, I am told, the Nazir is obliged to sit outside under a tree. If a pent roof were provided on the north side of the Nazir's room, it would offer some shelter from the direct rays of the sun, and might be put up at a trifling cost.	
TIPPERAH.	I can only invite attention to my remarks of last	Annual Report No. 384, dated 21st February 1890.
Sadar.	year. I have made suggestions for enlargement of the record-room, that will set free good space for accommodation of Munsifs and of a Third Subordinate Judge, should, as heretofore, the deputation of such an officer be occasionally required.	
Kasba.	I understand a new *pucca* Court on the standard plan will soon be erected at Kasba. The standard plan for a single Munsifi is not altogether suitable, as the room for the amla is only half the size required. It only gives space for the staff of an Additional Munsif, one Sherishtadar, and three Mohurirs, whereas there are usually a Comparing Clerk and three or four Section-Writers who have to be placed somewhere or other. I sent a ground plan of what is required to the Executive Engineer, showing how amlas with their tables or *tuktaposhes* and almirahs might be placed, the Copying Department included, but a standard plan cannot be altered without the orders of Government. A suggestion from the Honorable Judges might effect the necessary improvement in the construction of Munsifs' Courts generally, and expedite improvements at head-quarters that are urgently required.	

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Muradnagar.	In time no doubt new *pucca* Courts will be erected at Muradnagar. Courts for three Munsifs are required there, and should be on a different side of the river. At present they are *kutcha* buildings amid a horribly unhealthy bazar where cholera prevails. Cholera seems bad there every cold season. Lately the Munsifs could not carry on their work. Suitors would not come to Court. It was here in 1888 that the late Doctor Polden attended to a constable and then himself was carried off by the disease.	
TIRHUT. *Sadar.*	The Court-houses at the Sadar Station are in a fairly good condition, but there is the same want of accommodation in my office as I repeatedly have had the honour to bring to the notice of the High Court. There being no room in my Court-house for the accommodation of the copyists, I was obliged to send them over to the Munsif's Court, where they are crammed into two small rooms. The two rooms allotted to the Record-keeper in my office are so full that there is no space whatever left for the records which daily pour in from the subordinate Courts. The *bustas* are filed in heaps on the floor of the little passage left between the racks; the Mohafiz now has to trample upon these heaps of records when he is required to get out any bundle from the racks. When in August 1887 His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor visited the district, I verbally asked for an addition of a wing of my Court-house; but although in reply to a demi-official letter from Mr. Under-Secretary Carnduff I furnished the Government with an estimate of the cost of the necessary additions to my Court-house, yet up to this time nothing has been done in the matter, and I suppose that it is the Durbhanga scheme only which stands in its way. It is high time, therefore, that either the Durbhanga question be definitively settled or the necessary additions to my Court-house be taken in hand. I sent up, demi-officially, a scheme which appears to have been pigeon-holed. The main feature of my scheme was that it was a preparation for the fuller scheme of a separate Durbhanga Judgeship. I venture to submit that it might be advantageously taken out and receive renewed consideration.	Annual Report No. 72, dated 14th February 1890.
Hajipur and Durbhanga.	It is satisfactory to note that the Government is gradually replacing the old dilapidated huts, in which Munsifs had their Courts in the Mofussil, by suitable and decent buildings. The Hajipur Court is under construction and the Durbhanga Court is soon to be begun.	
Somastipur.	The Munsif of Tajpur has now removed his Court to the new building erected for the purpose at Somastipur. The Munsif, however, reports that although the building has plenty of accommodation, the rooms allotted to the Civil Court are too few, and he wants one room more. The Munsif says:— "Besides the two side rooms, used, one as a private room of the presiding officer and another as the record-room, there are only two rooms allotted to us—one is for use as my *ejlas* room and the other is intended for the accommodation of the whole office, including the Nazarath and the Copying Departments. For want of accommodation, the Copying Department has now to work in the verandah." The Munsif says that this want of accommodation can be removed if the room adjoining the *ejlas*, which is now occupied by the Rural Sub-Registrar, be made over	

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Somastipur—(continued).	to the Civil Court. I am told by the Munsif that it was not originally intended that the Rural Sub-Registrar should be located in that house, and that for this reason he occupies the room on payment of rent. I intend to ask the executive authorities whether another house cannot be hired for the accommodation of the Rural Sub-Registrar and an additional room made over to the Civil Court.	
24-PURGANAS.	The condition of the judicial buildings in this district has not improved during the last year. There is a general complaint of scantiness of accommodation. At head-quarters, besides the utter want of room in the Record Office, some inconvenience is felt in the other departments also. There is no available room spacious enough to hold the English, and the Vernacular copyists have been located in a separate room at a considerable distance from where the Head Comparing Clerk is seated, removed from his immediate supervision and check which is so essentially necessary for efficient and honest working. On the deputation of the Additional Subordinate Judge to Alipur to work at the arrears in the files of the Subordinate Judges, no room in the Court-building could be spared for him, and he had to hold his Court in a tent hired for the purpose. The Munsifs of Alipur also had to vacate their private room in order to provide accommodation for the Additional Munsif who has been deputed from Diamond Harbour to reduce the files of the Alipur Munsifi.	Annual Report No. 161, dated 14th February 1890.
Alipur, Sealdah, and Diamond Harbour.	There are brick buildings for the Munsifis at Alipur, Sealdah, and Diamond Harbour, although in the last of these places the Munsifs complain of scantiness of accommodation.	
Baripur, Baraset, and Basirhat.	The Courts of the Munsifs at Baripur, Baraset, and Basirhat are held in bungalows with thatched roofs. The Munsif of Basirhat writes:— "The Court-house is a bungalow on the standard plan with a *pucca* floor and two side rooms. At a short distance from this bungalow there is a small ill-ventilated building with two rooms in which the records of the two Courts are kept." The brick building on the standard plan for the Munsifi of Baraset is in course of construction, and the Munsif's Courts are now held in the lower floor of the Sub-divisional Court-building. The Munsifs have necessarily to put up with some inconvenience in this building, and it is very desirable that the new building should be speedily completed. But the First Munsif writes that the work has been stopped for some time past. The Munsifs pointed out that the accommodation provided in the new building will not be sufficient, and proposed that two new rooms should be added. The Superintending Engineer has been addressed on the subject, but nothing has yet been done in the matter.	
CHOTA-NAGPUR. *Ranchi.*	The Ranchi Munsif's Office was, on the 18th January 1889, removed from the old to the new building, the completion of which was reported last year.	Annual Report No. 592, dated 14th March 1890.
Chatra.	During the present year a new Munsif's Court-house was constructed at Chatra in the district of Hazaribagh. The Munsif's Office was, on the 3rd June 1889, removed from the old to the new building.	

Condition of some of the Civil Court-buildings, Bengal, &c.—concluded.

District and Munsifi.	Description and condition of Court-house.	No. and date of report.
Barabazaar.	In regard to a new Munsif's Court-house at Barabazaar in the district of Manbhum, the Executive Engineer writes :— "An estimate for a new Munsif's cutcherry at Barabazaar was sanctioned in May 1887, but for want of appropriation of funds the work is in abeyance up to date and will be indicated in the next year's Budget."	
Lohardugga.	The Court-house of the Deputy Commissioner, Lohardugga, is a new building, but I doubt if there will be room in it for a Special Subordinate Judge. The Deputy Commissioner of Singhbhum says :— "The quadrennial repairs of cutcherry building were commenced in November 1888 and are not yet completed. The record-room is not yet roofed and the records are lying, arranged in a fashion, on old boxes in the room which is the Police Office. Great inconvenience has been experienced since November 1888 in moving offices from one room to another. The Public Works Department expect to complete the repairs by the 31st March, but this is doubtful." The Deputy Commissioner of Manbhum reports :— "The Court-house is still in the same state as reported last year. Though there is no Subordinate Judge attached to the district now, yet one of the Deputy Magistrates holds his Court in a room meant for use of ministerial officers, and another in a side room of the District Superintendent's Office, while there is no room for the Bench of Magistrates and Sub-Deputy Collector. The necessity for immediate enlargement of the cutcherry building cannot be too strongly urged." The standard plan for Munsifs' Court-houses does not afford sufficient accommodation for the Nazir and his staff of peons, and for the reception of articles under attachment. During the year under review a sum of Rs. 92-7 only was expended on account of petty repairs of my own Court and of the Courts of the Munsifs of Chatra and Barabazaar. No other Court-houses were repaired during the year.	

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A.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
			1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	Reg.	12,927	13,130	13,464	12,926	2,421	2,925
	Bankura	Reg.	8,267	8,619	8,348	8,468	1,434	1,749
	Beerbhoom	Reg.	6,365	6,711	6,319	6,726	869	943
	Midnapore	Reg.	20,237	22,405	21,075	22,913	3,070	2,946
		S. C. C.	635	813	672	825	41	53
	Hooghly	Reg.	18,657	19,448	20,163	19,521	3,774	4,244
		S. C. C.	5,968	6,745	6,374	6,790	475	573
		TOTAL	73,056	77,871	76,415	78,169	12,084	13,433
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	Reg.	25,262	25,177	25,669	25,953	4,354	4,191
		S. C. C.	6,274	6,587	6,516	6,507	561	816
	Nuddea	Reg.	5,529	5,968	5,639	6,096	825	823
		S. C. C.	8,379	8,681	8,369	8,644	569	684
	Jessore	Reg.	28,486	29,828	28,595	29,084	4,927	6,592
		S. C. C.	9,472	8,663	9,702	8,724	654	717
	Moorshedabad	Reg.	11,762	11,153	12,381	11,186	1,458	1,572
		S. C. C.	638	570	654	574	41	46
		TOTAL	95,802	96,627	97,525	96,768	13,389	15,441
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	Reg.	8,575	9,003	8,862	8,823	702	981
		S. C. C.	895	1,066	922	1,033	78	118
	Rajshahye	Reg.	9,181	8,845	9,450	8,885	1,777	1,954
		S. C. C.	564	616	558	677	70	37
	Rungpore	Reg.	15,796	17,329	16,263	16,923	2,032	2,702
	Pubna and Bogra	Reg.	9,690	7,978	9,590	9,001	2,251	1,447
		S. C. C.	1,828	1,428	1,908	1,543	122	61
		TOTAL	46,529	46,265	47,553	46,884	7,027	7,300
DACCA	Dacca	Reg.	23,775	22,695	24,003	22,961	4,605	4,664
		S. C. C.	5,409	4,882	5,514	5,017	298	225
	Furreedpore	Reg.	17,694	18,068	17,756	17,774	3,035	3,638
		S. C. C.	753	732	789	726	40	55
	Backergunge	Reg.	27,262	28,601	27,705	29,794	3,893	3,814
		S. C. C.	1,136	1,117	1,218	1,163	69	91
	Mymensingh	Reg.	28,752	28,343	29,788	28,661	6,411	6,562
	Tipperah	Reg.	27,416	25,601	27,134	25,263	5,367	6,010
		TOTAL	132,197	130,039	133,907	131,359	23,718	25,059
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	Reg.	15,307	15,158	15,268	16,269	4,430	3,835
	Noakhally	Reg.	14,240	15,081	14,244	14,815	2,251	2,728
		TOTAL	29,547	30,239	29,512	31,084	6,681	6,563
PATNA	Patna	Reg.	4,515	4,200	4,202	4,596	1,700	1,453
		S. C. C.	442	610	466	600	36	53
	Gya	Reg.	2,291	2,316	2,462	2,325	733	828
	Shahabad	Reg.	7,478	8,119	8,353	7,933	1,383	1,737
	Tirhoot	Reg.	9,628	10,376	10,068	10,250	2,009	2,373
	Sarun	Reg.	8,025	8,458	8,607	8,373	1,975	2,229
		TOTAL	32,379	34,079	34,158	34,077	7,836	8,743
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	Reg.	12,231	13,477	13,154	13,594	2,165	2,145
		S. C. C.	2,172	1,852	2,349	1,939	76	98
	Purneah	Reg.	11,777	9,620	11,670	10,432	2,607	1,965
		TOTAL	26,180	24,949	27,173	25,965	4,848	4,208
ORISSA	Cuttack	Reg.	11,134	10,913	11,288	11,023	1,303	1,399
		S. C. C.	623	620	702	632	60	57
		TOTAL	11,757	11,533	11,990	11,655	1,363	1,456
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	Reg.	5,086	5,419	5,335	5,337	833	1,036
	TOTAL	Reg.	407,345	412,039	416,855	415,904	74,594	79,555
		S. C. C.	45,188	44,982	46,713	45,394	3,185	3,681
	GRAND TOTAL	...	452,533	457,021	463,568	461,298	77,779	83,239

A 1.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	635	813	672	825	41	53
	Hooghly	1,142	1,092	1,202	1,135	128	108
	Serampore	1,952	2,456	2,129	2,379	155	268
	Howrah	2,874	3,197	3,043	3,276	192	197
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	6,065	6,380	6,316	6,311	551	795
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	51	61	52	51	...	10
	Barrackpore *ditto*	158	146	148	145	10	11
	Krishnaghur	2,077	2,160	2,035	2,149	130	155
	Ranaghat	1,211	1,494	1,139	1,495	128	142
	Meherpore	1,425	1,299	1,462	1,307	58	60
	Kooshteah	2,296	2,338	2,361	2,330	209	247
	Chooadanga	1,370	1,390	1,372	1,363	44	80
	Jessore	3,002	2,643	2,996	2,741	96	54
	Magura	1,570	1,421	1,609	1,396	180	218
	Jhenidah	1,699	1,669	1,803	1,651	138	178
	Narail	2,289	2,017	2,363	2,025	220	234
	Bongong	912	918	931	911	20	33
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore	638	570	654	574	41	46
	Beauleah	564	616	558	677	70	37
	Pubna	1,828	1,428	1,908	1,543	122	61
	Darjeeling	741	796	759	790	73	91
	Kurseong	154	270	163	243	...	27
DACCA	Dacca	3,580	3,019	3,680	3,150	206	127
	Munshigunge	1,829	1,863	1,834	1,867	92	98
	Furreedpore	753	732	789	726	40	55
	Backergunge	1,136	1,117	1,218	1,163	69	91
PATNA	Patna	359	510	390	497	24	43
	Dinapore Cantonment	83	100	76	103	12	10
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	1,511	1,167	1,691	1,250	22	31
	Bhagulpore	661	685	658	689	54	67
ORISSA	Cuttack	623	620	702	632	60	57
	TOTAL	45,188	44,982	46,713	45,394	3,185	3,684

B.

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1888 and 1889.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	1888.		1889.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	1	...	8	1
	Bankura	5	...	9	...
	Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...
	Midnapore	4	2	2	...
	Hooghly	97	2	50	3
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	46	3	74	7
	Nuddea	1	...	6	1
	Jessore	40	...	145	1
	Moorshedabad	4	2	5	1
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahye	34	1	50	...
	Rungpore	2	3	13	3
	Pubna and Bogra	12	...	5	...
DACCA	Dacca	89	63	110	52
	Furreedpore	6	112	24	8
	Backergunge	5	6	10	1
	Mymensingh	29	8	34	62
	Tipperah	12	1	71	14
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	20	2	27	1
	Noakhally	7	1	5	...
PATNA	Patna	35	1	35	1
	Gya	18	43	25	2
	Shahabad	4	2	2	21
	Tirhoot	1	41	2	75
	Sarun	18	4	25	25
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	37	21	24	5
	Purneah	1	...	...	...
ORISSA	Cuttack	3	17	4	64
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	20	...	48	18
	TOTAL	551	335	813	366

C.

Number and Value of Suits instituted in Civil Courts, 1885—1889.

DISTRICTS.	Courts.	Value in 1885.	Number in 1885.	Number in 1886.	Number in 1887.	Number in 1888.	Number in 1889.	Value in 1889.
		R						*R*
Backergunge	R.	17,04,230	25,875	26,670	28,595	27,262	28,601	25,81,039
	S. C.	99,061	788	954	1,074	1,136	1,117	1,47,352
Beerbhoom	R.	5,09,721	5,718	6,183	6,183	6,365	6,711	5,38,349
Bhagulpore	R.	20,84,915	9,025	9,732	11,929	12,231	13,477	76,27,458
	S. C.	2,11,025	3,649	4,148	3,548	2,172	1,852	2,02,998
Burdwan	R.	11,23,627	12,920	12,227	13,665	12,927	13,130	11,21,719
Baukura	R.	6,43,110	8,289	8,393	7,727	8,267	8,619	5,07,927
Chittagong	R.	8,06,588	14,024	15,544	16,890	15,307	15,158	8,84,788
Cuttack	R.	8,88,467	11,793	11,418	11,073	11,134	10,913	11,28,885
	S. C.	1,12,666	853	818	873	623	620	79,436
Dacca	R.	23,99,868	22,606	23,203	26,372	23,775	22,695	19,41,914
	S. C.	4,88,263	6,528	6,474	6,772	5,409	4,882	4,08,818
Dinagepore	R.	7,89,544	8,721	8,164	8,752	8,575	9,003	7,53,413
	S. C.	67,372	1,312	1,128	821	895	1,066	50,883
Furreedpore	R.	9,40,877	16,385	17,446	20,065	17,694	18,068	11,16,610
	S. C.	47,549	1,061	995	1,076	753	732	36,899
Gya	R.	18,82,174	2,370	2,409	2,835	2,291	2,316	15,25,351
Hooghly	R.	20,05,804	15,571	16,466	17,463	18,657	19,448	36,82,654
	S. C.	3,31,740	7,997	9,141	7,888	5,968	6,745	3,11,132
Jessore	R.	17,60,455	28,143	26,627	27,689	28,486	29,828	19,10,024
	S. C.	6,80,340	11,656	11,732	10,743	9,472	8,663	4,77,084
Midnapore	R.	13,66,299	19,971	18,956	19,263	20,237	22,405	19,24,168
	S. C.	86,718	715	664	549	635	813	95,881
Moorshedabad	R.	10,84,588	11,929	12,776	12,211	11,762	11,153	10,87,225
	S. C.	35,944	246	254	521	638	570	35,254
Mymensingh	R.	28,84,298	25,907	27,361	29,862	28,752	28,343	25,68,426
Noakhally	R.	7,04,786	11,601	12,120	13,762	14,240	15,081	8,61,301
Nuddea	R.	6,80,837	5,501	4,827	5,598	5,529	5,963	10,88,343
	S. C.	4,39,274	9,774	9,119	8,835	8,379	8,681	4,17,471
Patna	R.	19,82,455	5,288	3,883	4,399	4,515	4,200	25,83,401
	S. C.	1,27,152	724	696	669	442	610	89,129
Pubna and Bogra	R.	18,42,725	9,233	10,423	9,805	9,690	7,978	12,71,588
	S. C.	95,666	2,338	2,643	2,435	1,828	1,428	76,137
Purneah	R.	15,96,344	10,169	9,488	11,127	11,777	9,620	9,11,000
Rajshahye	R.	6,40,963	8,160	9,622	9,083	9,181	8,845	25,22,899
	S. C.	45,405	795	868	676	564	616	38,712
Rungpore	R.	13,28,600	15,440	14,685	16,147	15,796	17,329	12,60,795
Sarun	R.	24,85,889	7,150	6,858	7,345	8,025	8,458	19,12,489
Shahabad	R.	14,25,080	7,340	8,079	7,355	7,478	8,119	13,14,070
Tipperah	R.	14,14,398	24,540	23,504	25,552	27,416	25,601	22,19,419
Tirhoot	R.	34,92,449	8,079	8,404	9,823	9,628	10,376	43,28,391
24-Pergunnahs	R.	25,53,282	22,006	21,472	22,720	25,262	25,177	40,45,307
	S. C.	3,96,151	7,778	8,246	7,447	6,274	6,587	4,16,410
Chota Nagpore	R.	12,50,999	4,944	5,426	5,240	5,086	5,419	13,03,311
TOTAL	R.	4,42,73,377	378,698	382,459	408,527	407,345	412,039	5,66,12,264
	S. C.	32,73,326	56,214	57,880	53,927	45,188	44,082	28,83,601

D.

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	Courts.	1888.			1889.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law	Title and other suits.
Backergunge	R.	8,681	17,616	965	9,497	18,094	1,010
	S. C.	1,136	...	...	1,117	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	2,451	3,253	661	2,543	3,444	724
Bhagulpore	R.	5,752	5,974	505	6,889	6,047	541
	S. C.	2,172	...	...	1,852	...	...
Burdwan	R.	4,901	6,547	1,479	5,181	6,370	1,579
Bankura	R.	2,752	4,615	900	2,920	4,716	983
Chittagong	R.	4,630	7,607	3,070	4,558	7,679	2,921
Cuttack	R.	10,427	...	707	10,220	...	693
	S. C.	623	...	...	620	...	...
Dacca	R.	17,212	4,254	2,309	15,667	4,393	2,635
	S. C.	5,409	...	...	4,882	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	4,717	3,548	310	4,771	3,860	372
	S. C.	895	...	...	1,066	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	10,206	6,330	1,158	9,898	6,791	1,379
	S. C.	753	...	...	732	...	...
Gya	R.	1,276	662	353	1,316	704	296
Hooghly	R.	6,028	10,742	1,887	5,432	11,483	2,533
	S. C.	5,968	...	...	6,745	...	...
Jessore	R.	6,237	19,746	2,503	6,511	20,870	2,447
	S. C.	9,472	...	...	8,663	...	...
Midnapore	R.	9,020	9,531	1,686	9,516	11,108	1,781
	S. C.	635	...	...	813	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	5,153	5,665	944	4,999	5,217	937
	S. C.	638	...	...	570	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	18,757	6,780	3,215	18,049	6,659	3,635
Noakhally	R.	5,033	8,316	891	5,397	8,624	1,060
Nuddea	R.	713	4,122	694	731	4,518	719
	S. C.	8,379	...	...	8,681	...	...
Patna	R.	1,530	2,447	538	1,700	1,962	538
	S. C.	442	...	...	610	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	R.	5,501	3,241	948	4,587	2,415	976
	S. C.	1,828	...	...	1,428	...	...
Purneah	R.	5,225	6,062	490	4,771	4,290	559
Rajshahye	R.	5,542	3,241	398	5,202	3,197	446
	S. C.	564	...	...	616	...	...
Rungpore	R.	8,589	6,481	726	8,446	8,086	797
Sarun	R.	4,000	3,033	992	4,094	3,340	1,024
Shahabad	R.	1,766	5,011	701	1,973	5,404	742
Tipperah	R.	14,986	10,597	1,833	12,540	10,736	2,325
Tirhoot	R.	4,096	4,585	947	4,169	5,174	1,033
24-Pergunnahs	R.	10,639	12,216	2,407	10,529	12,264	2,384
	S. C.	6,274	...	...	6,587	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	4,420	...	666	4,561	...	858
TOTAL	R.	190,240	182,222	34,883	186,667	*187,445	37,927
	S. C.	45,188	...	...	44,982	...	...

* There is reason to believe that these figures are incorrect as it has been discovered that in certain districts application under Sections 91, 93, 158, and 169 of the Bengal Tenancy Act, VIII of 1885, have been registered as Original Suits instead of Miscellaneous Judicial cases as required by the High Court Rule No. 3, dated 16th June 1888.

E.

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	Courts.	1888.			1889.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
		₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
Backergunge	R.	7,95,025	8,76,137	2,77,487	8,69,379	9,23,069	7,88,591
	S. C.	1,34,804	...	...	1,47,352	...	...
Beerbhoom	R.	4,49,139	2,11,394	92,801	2,38,661	1,95,746	1,03,942
Bhagulpore	R.	13,72,932	5,54,569	1,36,21,730	15,67,104	4,89,452	55,70,902
	S. C.	2,09,561	...	...	2,02,998	...	...
Burdwan	R.	5,94,531	2,95,186	14,18,589	6,34,211	2,89,928	1,97,580
Bankura	R.	3,06,638	1,80,483	1,24,409	2,90,722	1,75,267	1,81,938
Chittagong	R.	4,40,476	2,43,512	2,35,805	4,17,116	2,40,564	2,27,109
Cuttack	R.	7,62,922	...	2,25,654	10,28,542	...	1,00,343
	S. C.	77,733	...	...	79,436	...	...
Dacca	R.	17,63,833	1,39,407	6,02,546	12,14,630	1,66,001	5,61,283
	S. C.	4,66,965	...	...	4,08,818	...	...
Dinagepore	R.	4,26,963	1,78,461	1,06,592	4,12,786	1,65,664	1,74,063
	S. C.	41,241	...	...	50,888	...	...
Furreedpore	R.	6,65,764	2,14,028	1,33,400	6,91,406	2,47,043	1,78,161
	S. C.	37,289	...	...	36,899	...	...
Gya	R.	5,78,917	3,06,555	3,94,614	7,13,126	3,37,878	4,74,347
Hooghly	R.	7,64,015	5,35,060	4,81,250	7,77,471	5,62,341	23,42,842
	S. C.	2,86,682	...	...	3,11,132	...	...
Jessore	R.	5,85,422	9,32,810	3,52,198	5,70,956	9,44,427	3,94,641
	S. C.	5,24,113	...	...	4,77,084	...	...
Midnapore	R.	7,23,421	5,09,348	4,89,285	9,69,256	5,24,855	4,80,057
	S. C.	74,514	...	...	95,881	...	...
Moorshedabad	R.	3,48,782	2,11,089	4,26,064	5,24,439	1,81,323	3,81,463
	S. C.	34,814	...	...	35,254	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	15,10,230	4,25,559	4,21,775	13,97,047	6,78,725	4,92,654
Noakhally	R.	3,44,982	3,46,654	79,768	4,18,648	3,59,878	82,775
Nuddea	R.	2,40,258	2,32,612	2,33,348	1,97,287	2,14,610	6,76,446
	S. C.	3,86,829	...	...	4,17,471	...	...
Patna	R.	9,57,432	3,37,013	26,21,720	11,53,776	2,26,868	12,02,757
	S. C.	62,572	...	...	89,129	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	R.	5,37,722	2,25,076	3,33,847	4,70,329	1,65,260	6,35,999
	S. C.	89,263	...	...	76,137	...	...
Purneah	R.	6,85,437	4,20,623	95,664	3,59,294	4,19,381	1,32,325
Rajshahye	R.	4,80,800	1,34,888	1,08,578	5,18,068	1,55,021	18,49,810
	S. C.	27,789	...	...	38,712	...	...
Rungpore	R.	8,48,074	2,60,871	4,39,713	8,13,176	3,29,613	1,18,006
Sarun	R.	11,52,682	1,73,301	39,05,469	10,79,270	1,69,668	6,63,551
Snahabad	R.	4,48,069	3,35,931	4,61,456	5,32,007	3,76,018	4,06,045
Tipperah	R.	10,44,174	4,96,348	1,41,042	14,10,762	5,77,878	2,30,779
Tirhoot	R.	17,42,665	3,90,757	21,86,621	16,13,197	4,26,818	22,88,276
24-Pergunnahs	R.	15,76,616	6,70,710	34,50,688	13,49,238	8,84,965	18,11,104
	S. C.	3,44,868	...	...	4,16,410	...	...
Chota Nagpore	R.	7,10,286	...	3,57,630	6,56,514	...	6,46,797
TOTAL	R.	2,28,57,727	98,37,377	3,38,22,743	2,28,88,418	1,04,28,261	2,32,95,585
	S. C.	28,02,037	...	...	28,83,601	...	...

F.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts in 1889.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	Total.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	5,717	4,484	2,725	12,926
	Bankura	R.	4,095	2,786	1,587	8,468
	Beerbhoom	R.	2,746	2,294	1,686	6,726
	Midnapore	R.	11,722	7,818	3,878	22,918
		S. C.	422	257	146	825
	Hooghly	R.	7,173	8,509	3,839	19,521
		S. C.	2,920	2,429	1,441	6,790
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	R.	9,469	11,085	5,399	25,953
		S. C.	2,436	2,718	1,353	6,507
	Nuddea	R.	2,379	1,866	1,851	6,096
		S. C.	5,003	2,034	1,607	8,644
	Jessore	R.	10,721	12,093	6,270	29,084
		S. C.	4,143	2,812	1,768	8,724
	Moorshedabad	R.	4,830	3,424	2,932	11,186
		S. C.	237	159	178	574
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	R.	3,038	4,291	1,494	8,823
		S. C.	454	505	74	1,033
	Rajshahye	R.	3,668	3,542	1,675	8,885
		S. C.	368	207	102	677
	Rungpore	R.	5,636	8,059	3,177	16,922
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	3,087	3,419	2,495	9,001
		S. C.	786	553	204	1,543
DACCA	Dacca	R.	8,375	10,584	4,002	22,961
		S. C.	1,193	3,113	711	5,017
	Furreedpore	R.	5,433	8,455	3,886	17,774
		S. C.	253	345	128	726
	Backergunge	R.	9,037	15,209	5,458	29,794
		S. C.	320	698	145	1,163
	Mymensingh	R.	8,906	13,429	6,326	28,661
	Tipperah	R.	8,641	11,363	5,259	25,263
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	6,760	4,649	4,860	16,269
	Noakhally	R.	5,210	6,631	2,974	14,815
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,888	1,827	1,381	4,596
		S. C.	292	188	120	600
	Gya	R.	948	522	855	2,325
	Shahabad	R.	2,841	2,757	2,385	7,983
	Tirhoot	R.	3,566	3,296	3,388	10,250
	Sarun	R.	4,044	2,104	2,225	8,373
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	R.	5,052	5,048	3,494	13,594
		S. C.	720	763	456	1,939
	Purneah	R.	4,107	3,610	2,715	10,432
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	6,342	3,290	1,391	11,023
		S. C.	264	226	142	632
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	R.	2,297	1,479	1,561	5,337
	TOTAL	R.	157,778	167,008	91,118	415,904
		S. C.	19,817	17,007	8,570	45,394

F 1.

Manner of disposal of Suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	422	257	146	825
	Hooghly	528	397	210	1,135
	Serampore	1,087	781	511	2,379
	Howrah	1,305	1,251	720	3,276
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	2,344	2,666	1,301	6,311
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	31	10	10	51
	Barrackpore Cantonment	61	42	42	145
	Krishnaghur	1,077	661	411	2,149
	Ranaghat	779	437	279	1,495
	Meherpore	866	234	207	1,307
	Kusteah	1,399	459	472	2,330
	Chooadangah	882	243	238	1,363
	Jessore	1,468	918	355	2,741
	Magura	608	359	429	1,396
	Jhenidah	816	526	309	1,651
	Narail	825	712	488	2,025
	Bongong	432	297	182	911
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore	237	159	178	574
	Beauleah	368	207	102	677
	Pubna	786	553	204	1,543
	Darjeeling	349	394	47	790
	Kurseong	105	111	27	243
DACCA	Dacca	839	1,813	498	3,150
	Munshigunge	354	1,300	213	1,867
	Furreedpore	253	345	128	726
	Backergunge	320	698	145	1,163
PATNA	Patna	226	161	110	497
	Dinapore Cantonment	66	27	10	103
BHAGULPORE	Monghyr	445	534	271	1,250
	Bhagulpore	275	229	185	689
ORISSA	Cuttack	264	226	142	632
	TOTAL	19,817	17,007	8,570	45,394

F 2.

Manner of disposal of Suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court Powers.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	1,261	821	467	2,549
	Bankura	328	136	72	536
	Beerbhoom	438	249	145	832
	Midnapore	3,303	1,336	523	5,162
	Hooghly	758	501	205	1,464
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	2,539	1,709	658	4,906
	Nuddea	...	...	...	...
	Jessore	1,477	1,320	532	3,329
	Moorshedabad	1,773	849	727	3,349
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	645	601	169	1,415
	Rajshahye	1,171	903	299	2,373
	Rungpore	2,119	2,088	689	4,896
	Pubna and Bogra	634	788	183	1,605
DACCA	Dacca	4,477	6,165	1,104	11,746
	Furreedpore	1,917	3,313	937	6,167
	Backergunge	2,395	3,258	864	6,517
	Mymensingh	3,056	4,502	1,163	8,721
	Tipperah	1,054	1,454	322	2,830
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	307	429	155	891
	Noakhally	689	950	217	1,856
PATNA	Patna	410	304	162	876
	Gya	334	169	178	681
	Shahabad	355	271	146	772
	Tirhoot	352	288	162	802
	Sarun	1,073	513	312	1,898
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	1,704	1,347	621	3,672
	Purneah	864	727	300	1,891
ORISSA	Cuttack	4,378	2,094	803	7,275
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	39,811	37,085	12,115	89,011

G.

Applications for an Order to set aside an ex parte *judgment or a judgment on default, 1889.*

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.						JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.
Backergunge	1,110	626	1,736	1,065	652	1,717	13	1	14	6	9	15	37	38	75	64	6	70	2	...	2	2	...	2
Beerbhoom	86	58	144	84	51	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	158	121	279	111	160	271	10	11	21	4	19	23	9	26	35	23	17	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	303	129	432	244	222	466	23	1	24	16	13	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Bankura	171	126	297	143	137	280	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	292	343	635	423	251	674	3	12	15	12	3	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	...	3
Cuttack	112	211	323	185	131	316	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	11	14	9	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	170	257	427	264	136	400	8	2	10	7	7	14	26	58	84	62	20	82	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	97	45	142	54	62	116	11	20	31	15	10	25	1	10	11	12	...	12	2	...	2	...	1	1
Furreedpore	219	192	411	258	147	405	2	...	2	...	2	2	3	10	13	10	4	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	55	51	106	41	59	100	79	15	94	51	42	93	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Hooghly	653	329	982	460	470	930	18	8	26	11	12	23	134	100	234	130	68	198	4	...	4	4	...	4
Jessore	1,074	373	1,447	835	577	1,412	23	19	42	21	16	37	48	142	190	113	81	194	...	1	1	2	...	2
Midnapore	356	271	627	333	279	612	14	5	19	10	8	18	12	24	36	21	14	35	...	3	3	3	...	3
Moorshedabad	104	96	200	133	66	199	1	...	1	1	...	1	8	7	15	9	7	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	262	294	556	412	173	585	9	2	11	2	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhally	176	79	255	166	117	283	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1
Nuddea	93	73	166	91	58	152	2	6	8	4	4	8	27	71	98	69	40	109	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	172	86	258	129	149	278	23	18	41	8	31	39	6	5	11	6	3	9	...	10	10	3	6	9
Pubna and Bogra	157	96	253	165	100	265	7	1	8	5	4	9	23	56	79	54	23	77	...	2	2	2	...	2
Purneah	142	114	256	107	147	254	3	5	8	9	6	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	1	2
Rajshahye	166	160	326	182	131	313	5	...	5	3	6	9	...	28	28	26	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	225	190	415	239	146	385	12	24	36	18	10	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Sarun	172	155	327	155	198	353	17	5	22	10	8	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	22	19	2	21
Shahabad	170	88	258	93	142	235	12	4	16	8	8	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	218	211	429	280	142	422	3	...	3	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	190	62	252	59	153	212	14	28	42	20	17	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	12	8	4	12
24-Pergunnahs	669	263	932	564	370	934	13	4	17	11	6	17	135	87	222	162	78	240	1	...	1	2	...	2
Chota Nagpore	101	94	195	98	89	187	4	1	5	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	7,873	5,193	13,066	7,376	5,515	12,891	329	192	521	252	252	504	472	673	1,145	770	366	1,136	19	49	68	52	15	67

H.

Results of Proceedings in Execution of Decrees in the Civil Courts, 1889.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ON WHICH REALIZATIONS WERE MADE.				AMOUNT REALIZED.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	TOTAL.
						₹	₹	₹
Backergunge	R.	6,732	7,017	12,828	921	7,33,170	52,009	7,85,179
	S. C.	168	418	438	148	14,335	12,547	26,882
Beerbhoom	R.	2,015	1,037	2,571	481	2,51,711	48,058	2,99,769
Bhagulpore	R.	3,666	2,201	5,204	663	9,11,520	74,648	9,86,168
	S. C.	368	325	357	336	19,965	27,186	47,151
Burdwan	R.	3,721	1,956	4,037	740	5,29,430	50,586	5,80,016
Bankura	R.	2,882	1,480	4,023	339	2,31,173	16,992	2,48,165
Chittagong	R.	3,940	2,553	4,651	1,842	2,21,209	1,25,427	3,46,636
Cuttack	R.	920	1,119	1,877	162	2,70,373	16,245	2,86,618
	S. C.	97	183	252	28	8,062	1,731	9,793
Dacca	R.	2,956	2,905	5,100	761	6,84,333	3,38,521	10,22,854
	S. C.	372	967	1,333	6	38,689	1,031	39,720
Dinagepore	R.	1,599	1,196	2,398	397	1,46,933	23,806	1,70,739
	S. C.	153	74	226	1	12,202	20	12,222
Furreedpore	R.	2,582	1,958	4,183	357	2,45,367	29,917	2,75,284
	S. C.	60	79	136	3	3,622	225	3,847
Gya	R.	803	516	1,139	180	5,09,682	21,295	5,30,977
Hooghly	R.	4,410	2,631	6,439	602	5,88,944	31,077	6,20,021
	S. C.	686	404	1,054	36	30,436	2,526	32,962
Jessore	R.	6,441	5,924	11,793	572	7,03,529	42,954	7,46,483
	S. C.	439	1,181	1,560	60	29,638	2,086	32,024
Midnapore	R.	5,092	4,347	7,743	1,696	4,62,612	1,03,927	5,66,539
	S. C.	135	179	132	182	3,760	13,197	16,957
Moorshedabad	R.	2,271	1,241	3,091	421	2,45,887	25,850	2,71,737
	S. C.	74	16	36	54	2,580	1,604	4,184
Mymensingh	R.	6,126	4,062	8,436	1,752	7,70,530	1,33,901	9,04,431
Noakhally	R.	3,761	3,285	6,057	989	2,75,066	56,721	3,31,787
Nuddea	R.	1,921	1,146	2,502	565	2,46,268	43,708	2,89,971
	S. C.	845	1,356	2,042	159	48,320	7,939	56,259
Patna	R.	1,280	837	1,932	185	8,75,970	75,648	9,51,618
	S. C.	108	37	76	69	5,930	6,657	12,587
Pubna and Bogra	R.	2,053	1,469	3,169	353	3,37,400	21,542	3,58,942
	S. C.	61	108	157	12	3,996	659	4,655
Purneah	R.	2,526	1,127	3,471	182	4,68,582	17,096	4,85,678
Rajshahye	R.	1,454	934	2,103	285	2,60,488	22,287	2,82,770
	S. C.	55	47	98	4	3,641	121	3,762
Rungpore	R.	2,794	1,748	4,209	333	3,10,094	20,414	3,30,508
Sarun	R.	2,199	1,038	2,654	583	7,11,176	68,392	7,99,568
Shahabad	R.	3,268	1,457	4,132	593	3,84,502	1,03,038	4,87,540
Tipperah	R.	4,575	3,989	6,924	1,640	4,58,225	1,07,115	5,65,340
Tirhoot	R.	4,012	1,213	4,645	580	10,28,195	68,147	10,96,342
24-Pergunnahs	R.	5,941	3,846	8,079	808	7,85,375	49,165	8,34,540
	S. C.	526	688	1,176	38	31,992	2,252	34,244
Chota Nagpore	R.	1,104	1,143	2,192	55	3,42,628	5,682	3,48,310
TOTAL	R.	93,044	65,375	1,39,382	19,037	1,39,90,362	18,14,168	1,58,04,530
	S. C.	4,147	6,062	9,073	1,136	2,57,168	80,681	3,37,849

I.

Original Miscellaneous (Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Courts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Burdwan	Burdwan	R.	1,718	1,754	1,690	1,746	343	367
	Bankura	R.	671	769	778	713	68	132
	Beerbhoom	R.	566	653	587	592	86	152
	Midnapore	R.	2,108	2,493	2,270	2,414	290	387
		S. C.	99	93	96	92	6	7
	Hooghly	R.	3,027	3,736	3,218	3,405	674	1,042
		S. C.	438	407	496	361	34	83
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	R.	3,108	3,037	3,481	2,967	438	532
		S. C.	508	490	525	491	65	64
	Nuddea	R.	864	872	921	874	75	76
		S. C.	392	438	391	442	31	29
	Jessore	R.	2,487	2,685	2,457	2,597	491	599
		S. C.	472	452	469	450	28	33
	Moorshedabad	R.	735	718	822	696	97	129
		S. C.	25	21	27	21	2	2
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	R.	489	506	526	432	38	116
		S. C.	36	37	32	42	5	...
	Rajshahye	R.	704	758	680	773	189	178
		S. C.	42	48	44	51	4	1
	Rungpore	R.	940	1,004	939	964	169	234
	Pubna and Bogra	R.	795	719	787	791	138	77
		S. C.	90	108	94	108	8	8
Dacca	Dacca	R.	1,588	1,577	1,630	1,535	262	318
		S. C.	151	147	156	145	6	10
	Furreedpore	R.	1,015	1,044	1,069	991	128	188
		S. C.	29	22	33	23	1	...
	Backergunge	R.	2,342	2,615	2,331	2,623	384	412
		S. C.	102	96	102	91	4	9
	Mymensingh	R.	1,694	1,656	1,596	1,688	367	342
	Tipperah	R.	1,907	1,869	1,702	1,891	420	406
Chittagong	Chittagong	R.	1,411	1,490	1,413	1,551	318	272
	Noakhally	R.	922	820	895	905	182	98
Patna	Patna	R.	1,234	1,095	1,284	1,092	196	215
		S. C.	32	27	40	22	...	5
	Gya	R.	745	740	761	754	127	124
	Shahabad	R.	1,226	1,165	1,298	1,094	185	256
	Tirhoot	R.	1,296	1,361	1,355	1,338	204	232
	Sarun	R.	1,621	1,963	1,744	1,892	321	426
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	R.	1,591	1,750	1,702	1,633	152	277
		S. C.	194	130	201	141	15	3
	Purneah	R.	1,126	1,068	1,112	1,057	194	205
Orissa	Cuttack	R.	1,433	1,035	1,426	1,053	163	146
		S. C.	49	25	56	20	...	5
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	R.	837	933	968	1,081	294	152
Total		R.	40,200	41,885	41,442	41,142	6,993	8,090
		S. C.	2,659	2,541	2,762	2,500	209	259

I 1.

Original Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	1,960	1,630	2,136	1,734	273	169
	Bankura	751	987	762	964	42	65
	Beerbhoom	622	731	664	754	44	41
	Midnapore	1,822	2,538	1,764	2,408	189	319
	Hooghly	3,704	3,036	3,641	3,429	844	451
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	1,467	1,169	1,505	1,183	84	70
	Nuddea	879	953	937	974	56	35
	Jessore	1,783	2,122	1,811	2,045	152	229
	Moorshedabad	1,297	1,605	1,238	1,506	304	403
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	1,573	1,422	1,631	1,719	657	360
	Rajshahye	1,853	1,709	1,930	1,692	415	432
	Rungpore	1,468	1,905	1,709	1,969	536	472
	Pubna and Bogra	1,118	983	1,153	1,060	140	63
DACCA	Dacca	662	667	687	679	80	68
	Furreedpore	685	662	633	707	119	74
	Backergunge	1,122	1,188	1,068	1,232	162	118
	Mymensingh	620	579	554	642	160	97
	Tipperah	1,209	1,113	1,141	1,168	190	135
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	597	635	640	610	56	81
	Noakhally	760	677	778	728	124	73
PATNA	Patna	1,099	1,192	1,065	1,092	83	183
	Gya	421	348	551	381	69	36
	Shahabad	1,030	1,287	1,002	1,343	204	148
	Tirhoot	2,432	2,092	2,102	2,926	924	1,010
	Sarun	3,595	3,493	2,800	3,956	1,145	682
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	2,325	2,423	2,377	2,360	410	473
	Purneah	2,892	1,866	2,862	2,186	817	527
ORISSA	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	39,746	39,912	39,141	41,427	8,309	6,814

Appendix to I 1.

Statement showing the Number of Applications made under the Bengal Tenancy Act, 1885, for deposit of rent, service of notice of surrender of holdings, and for assistance to distrain, &c.

DISTRICTS.	Applications for deposit of rent.		Applications for service of notice of surrender of holdings.		Applications for assistance to distrain.		Sale of distrained property.		For the service of notice of execution by non-occupancy ryots of agreement to pay enhanced rent.		For the service of notice of transfer of occupancy holdings.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Backergunge . .	850	915	120	113	145	154	...	...	6	6	1	...
Beerbhoom . . .	317	341	273	345	32	42	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bhagulpore . . .	1,865	1,750	182	155	260	278	...	...	7	27	11	213
Burdwan . . .	1,051	870	822	666	77	92	...	...	9	1	1	1
Bankura . . .	554	757	196	228	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Chittagong . . .	512	542	64	50	12	37	...	...	9	5	...	1
Cuttack . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	641	646	14	18	6	1	...	...	...	2	1	...
Dinagepore . . .	440	639	1,107	761	14	20	...	...	3	...	9	
Furreedpore . . .	365	413	205	232	42	7	...	...	...	4	13	6
Gya	312	280	5	2	104	65	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hooghly . . .	2,324	2,138	1,249	687	125	205	...	...	5	4	1	2
Jessore	1,047	1,169	687	905	35	27	...	...	1	14	13	7
Midnapore . . .	1,428	2,007	249	301	98	229	...	...	46	...	1	1
Moorshedabad . . .	581	653	698	927	18	15	...	...	...	9	...	1
Mymensingh . . .	505	443	26	33	84	85	...	...	2	17	3	1
Noakhally . . .	519	502	109	91	97	52	...	...	29	27	6	5
Nuddea . . .	635	638	208	230	3	13	...	...	9	63	24	9
Patna	1,049	989	...	2	49	199	...	...	...	2	1	...
Pubna and Bogra . .	725	723	262	204	52	52	...	...	3	2	76	1
Purneah . . .	814	614	1,423	1,012	77	187	...	...	564	11	14	42
Rajshahye . . .	849	948	862	724	134	34	...	...	2	...	6	3
Rungpore . . .	467	698	901	1,124	53	62	...	...	42	4	5	17
Sarun . . .	3,278	2,649	105	50	212	757	...	...	...	14	...	23
Shahabad . . .	754	855	123	187	126	243	...	...	...	...	27	2
Tipperah . . .	1,000	891	90	76	107	137	...	...	2	6	10	3
Tirhoot . . .	2,122	2,602	190	173	116	198	...	...	1	18	3	1
24-Pergunnahs . .	1,316	983	115	119	36	63	...	...	...	4	...	...
Chota Nagpore . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL .	26,320	26,655	10,345	9,415	2,115	3,255	...	...	740	241	226	346

J.

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Burdwan	Burdwan	537	511	732	366	128	286
	Bankura	325	338	342	262	128	206
	Beerbhoom	264	456	306	429	82	109
	Midnapore	1,122	1,055	1,228	1,223	641	510
	Hooghly	976	853	995	904	504	475
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	1,070	914	1,222	1,110	554	386
	Nuddea	372	345	388	356	152	157
	Jessore	915	818	917	732	391	498
	Moorshedabad	331	366	331	409	148	109
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	266	254	360	230	29	59
	Rajshahye	256	425	353	297	105	239
	Rungpore	438	470	434	435	212	258
	Pubna and Bogra	604	758	672	484	157	450
Dacca	Dacca	1,029	784	686	1,038	989	759
	Furreedpore	564	544	519	668	594	482
	Backergunge	731	692	742	546	501	664
	Mymensingh	1,278	1,140	1,028	1,197	767	770
	Tipperah	1,061	1,177	843	1,238	803	758
Chittagong	Chittagong	1,085	1,251	1,200	1,028	600	865
	Noakhally	380	508	417	543	150	130
Patna	Patna	590	548	399	513	337	380
	Gya	356	286	416	441	328	169
	Shahabad	910	819	668	1,031	465	275
	Tirhoot	1,531	1,435	1,439	1,325	741	868
	Sarun	765	691	718	660	635	689
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	932	820	982	1,235	860	470
	Purneah	335	260	376	248	45	58
Orissa	Cuttack	278	218	272	278	277	233
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	439	565	504	279	183	476
	Total	19,740	19,304	19,519	19,505	11,486	11,788

K.

Number of Appellate Judges and of Appeals preferred with ratio of Appeals to Decisions.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Appellate Judges.	Number of Decisions in which an Appeal lay to the District Court.	Number of Appeals preferred.	Ratio of Appeals to Decisions in which an Appeal lay.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	2	2,152	511	23·74
	Bankura	2	1,396	338	24·21
	Beerbhoom	2	1,451	456	31·42
	Midnapore	3	3,301	1,055	31·96
	Hooghly	3	3,532	853	24·15
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	5	4,316	914	21·17
	Nuddea	2	1,753	345	19·62
	Jessore	4	5,666	818	14·43
	Moorshedabad	2	2,079	366	17 60
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	3	1,318	245	18·58
	Rajshahye	2	1,049	425	40 03
	Rungpore	3	2,485	441	17·74
	Pubna and Bogra	2	2,113	758	35·87
DACCA	Dacca	4	2,355	782	33·20
	Furreedpore	3	2,699	544	20·15
	Backergunge	3	4,469	692	15·32
	Mymensingh	3	4,868	1,140	23·41
	Tipperah	3	4,880	1,177	24·11
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	3	4,364	1,254	28·73
	Noakhally	1	2,615	508	19·42
PATNA	Patna	4	1,165	548	47·03
	Gya	3	623	286	45·90
	Shahabad	3	2,062	819	39·71
	Tirhoot	3	3,181	1,435	45 71
	Sarun	3	1,817	691	38·02
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	6	2,758	820	26 75
	Purneah	2	2,540	260	10·23
ORISSA	Cuttack	2	586	170	29 01
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	6	1,505	458	30·40
	TOTAL	87	75,098	19,109	25·44

L.

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	1888.			1889.		
	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.
Backergunge	102	475	154	117	425	150
Beerbhoom	73	75	116	82	232	142
Bhagulpore	143	643	146	143	493	184
Burdwan	77	225	235	94	190	227
Bankura	84	97	144	71	103	164
Chittagong	182	335	568	173	416	665
Cuttack	94	57	127	95	48	75
Dacca	172	594	263	210	235	339
Dinagepore	122	108	36	79	122	53
Furreedpore	119	313	132	131	308	105
Gya	54	153	149	65	100	121
Hooghly	204	347	425	157	308	388
Jessore	89	469	357	67	456	295
Midnapore	105	530	487	90	540	425
Moorshedabad	60	140	131	63	164	139
Mymensingh	315	520	443	271	435	434
Noakhally	76	215	89	98	318	92
Nuddea	24	211	137	17	202	126
Patna	60	411	119	69	368	111
Pubna and Bogra	171	305	128	221	299	238
Purneah	60	215	60	50	163	47
Rajshahye	92	120	44	121	216	88
Rungpore	111	233	94	140	201	129
Sarun	140	284	341	123	264	304
Shahabad	108	558	244	72	504	243
Tipperah	225	544	292	248	633	296
Tirhoot	205	1,019	307	228	878	329
24-Pergunnahs	215	499	356	263	324	327
Chota Nagpore	182	100	157	232	107	226
TOTAL	3,664	9,795	6,281	3,790	9,052	6,462

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Value of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	1888.			1889.		
	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In Title Suits.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	18,457	28,318	31,627	27,277	37,184	23,490
Beerbhoom	10,226	4,427	33,584	13,781	12,881	25,669
Bhagulpore	58,855	56,557	42,664	71,010	37,977	65,146
Burdwan	17,210	11,582	29,571	23,188	6,751	22,039
Bankura	11,090	4,347	14,729	8,431	8,634	17,151
Chittagong	27,251	21,917	49,461	24,160	21,902	56,182
Cuttack	25,922	8,095	30,298	32,364	10,315	5,084
Dácca	60,094	14,721	39,318	60,365	7,783	49,459
Dinagepore	14,713	14,717	8,873	11,012	6,581	11,809
Furreedpore	17,634	15,644	25,374	17,604	20,071	22,740
Gya	17,055	29,642	66,738	24,155	42,702	56,942
Hooghly	27,050	37,356	73,642	20,086	19,657	85,055
Jessore	26,306	37,059	45,664	15,388	42,711	39,989
Midnapore	10,223	25,144	82,117	10,170	30,793	68,433
Moorshedabad	6,811	9,309	39,286	6,202	10,054	32,564
Mymensingh	42,924	23,480	64,914	38,766	22,168	53,098
Noakhally	6,805	12,910	8,185	14,415	17,480	7,629
Nuddea	8,473	16,030	24,433	5,618	14,100	26,546
Patna	28,277	40,377	36,226	30,071	24,500	44,316
Pubna and Bogra . . .	29,287	22,980	30,598	31,078	13,577	44,248
Purneah	24,171	17,694	7,467	10,081	20,095	9,103
Rajshahye	26,840	11,358	9,402	32,623	12,370	15,169
Rungpore	26,403	10,746	17,017	31,790	10,013	23,913
Sarun	40,599	19,148	62,994	35,967	19,042	44,249
Shahabad	38,761	40,389	63,452	24,350	50,264	35,209
Tipperah	30,519	25,678	21,498	25,192	27,911	14,746
Tirhoot	52,237	45,636	88,284	60,693	48,549	82,839
24-Pergunnahs	41,517	43,662	75,471	54,321	27,875	88,094
Chota Nagpore	33,214	17,597	58,280	34,144	16,270	59,709
TOTAL .	7,78,954	6,66,520	11,81,197	7,94,302	6,35,210	11,30,620

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Appeals how disposed of.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	165	37	63	40	61	366
	Bankura	151	27	57	19	8	262
	Beerbhoom	279	51	77	6	16	429
	Midnapore	822	94	232	15	60	1,223
	Hooghly	496	100	184	42	82	904
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	703	113	204	22	68	1,110
	Nuddea	230	49	39	15	23	356
	Jessore	422	43	204	23	40	732
	Moorshedabad	252	31	59	5	62	409
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	123	25	52	24	6	230
	Rajshahye	194	23	53	14	13	297
	Rungpore	217	48	147	9	14	435
	Pubna and Bogra	246	70	123	34	11	484
DACCA	Dacca	623	134	149	34	98	1,038
	Furreedpore	364	86	167	14	37	668
	Backergunge	252	72	96	22	104	546
	Mymensingh	724	86	244	29	114	1,197
	Tipperah	817	124	201	23	73	1,238
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	544	146	209	48	81	1,028
	Noakhally	278	84	126	26	29	543
PATNA	Patna	362	62	50	2	37	513
	Gya	248	65	83	7	38	441
	Shahabad	500	221	147	66	97	1,031
	Tirhoot	668	269	121	136	131	1,325
	Sarun	368	61	88	48	95	660
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	730	155	210	31	109	1,235
	Purneah	138	21	57	17	15	248
ORISSA	Cuttack	148	16	54	19	41	278
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	158	55	41	14	11	279
	TOTAL	11,222	2,368	3,537	804	1,574	19,505

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Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	48	68	55	63	10	16
	Bankura	31	32	30	34	3	2
	Beerbhoom	24	25	24	29	5	1
	Midnapore	168	142	181	139	23	26
	Hooghly	98	90	101	88	13	15
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	214	232	237	232	16	18
	Nuddea	44	32	50	35	4	1
	Jessore	125	143	135	123	28	48
	Moorshedabad	26	25	26	22	4	7
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	38	26	44	24	3	5
	Rajshahye	39	36	47	30	3	9
	Rungpore	39	28	29	32	23	19
	Pubna and Bogra	56	78	50	84	13	7
DACCA	Dacca	102	183	100	170	15	30
	Furreedpore	60	84	73	87	7	5
	Backergunge	112	158	106	164	26	24
	Mymensingh	75	49	34	85	46	10
	Tipperah	91	136	77	154	30	13
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	173	187	185	170	18	37
	Noakhally	100	57	104	61	5	7
PATNA	Patna	81	122	82	110	17	31
	Gya	67	69	66	66	2	5
	Shahabad	102	91	101	110	29	12
	Tirhoot	182	139	183	149	68	59
	Sarun	126	108	146	101	9	19
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	157	235	114	110	12	139
	Purneah	31	25	32	23	2	4
ORISSA	Cuttack	71	59	58	77	13	14
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	50	47	53	48	13	13
	TOTAL	2,530	2,706	2,523	2,620	478	596

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Work done by District Judges, 1889.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Number of Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	86	169	15	168	158	133	74	412
Beerbhoom	161	81	17	115	230	28	34	102
Bhagulpore	109	149	...	247	200	73	60	531
Burdwan	114	80	25	237	199	63	28	178
Bankura	158	84	40	68	133	34	16	36
Chittagong	120	134	5	253	135	120	45	124
Cuttack	63	209	1	87	100	47	79	272
Dacca	134	101	14	418	356	138	30	258
Dinagepore	121	112	7	66	189	24	46	194
Furreedpore	65	193	8	195	160	60	64	205
Gya	126	122	3	238	240	66	54	329
Hooghly	107	98	18	358	350	30	39	404
Jessore	73	198	43	261	53	39	86	357
Midnapore	90	155	16	284	201	66	62	198
Moorshedabad	155	84	16	169	355	22	29	157
Mymensingh	88	169	11	192	142	13	81	359
Noakhally	202	51	43	97	543	61	20	140
Nuddea	152	94	18	226	221	30	35	214
Patna	146	110	7	281	242	105	32	300
Pubna and Bogra . . .	175	87	13	103	188	73	37	143
Purneah	169	74	42	106	245	23	20	100
Rajshahye	126	115	10	105	291	30	59	223
Rungpore	96	131	6	169	124	17	59	195
Sarun	86	161	4	351	150	86	119	332
Shahabad	138	114	...	135	314	93	42	233
Tipperah	108	144	4	178	47	123	35	209
Tirhoot	137	102	11	291	178	127	75	411
24-Pergunnahs	220	23	24	517	433	213	...	449
Chota Nagpore	56	236	...	6	151	27	93	415
TOTAL .	3,581	3,580	421	5,921	6,328	1,964	1,453	7,480

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Work done by Additional Judges, 1889.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Number of Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Hooghly . . . . } Howrah . . . . . }	...	20	...	...	...	...	30	...
24-Pergunnahs	120	113	1	219	381	6	97	...
TOTAL .	120	133	1	219	381	6	127	....

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Work done by Subordinate Judges, 1889.

DISTRICTS.	Suits.				Miscellaneous.			Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts.
	Withdrawn, &c.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.		
Backergunge . { 1st Sub-Judge	18	39	36	93	191	23	...	147	10
Backergunge . { 2nd ditto	11	33	41	85	178	55	1	241	21
Beerbhoom	16	14	18	48	86	18	1	199	1
Bhagulpore . { Sub-Judge	25	26	61	112	136	44	...	176	2
Bhagulpore . { Additional ditto	1	...	6	7	17	20	...	322	14
Bhagulpore . { Covenanted ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	1
Sub-Judge of Monghyr, 1st	41	45	105	191	197	66	4	284	15
Ditto, 2nd	17	15	56	88	6	11	...	194	5
Burdwan . { Ordinary	36	41	46	123	176	166	...	167	...
Burdwan . { Small Cause Court Powers	132	93	87	312	37	10	...	...	...
Bankura	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	129	...
Chittagong . { 1st Sub-Judge { Ordinary	5	4	17	26	127	29	...	430	18
Chittagong . { 1st Sub-Judge { Small Cause Court Powers	29	45	29	103	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong . { 2nd ditto	10	4	10	24	11	7	...	463	32
Cuttack	23	56	29	108	116	46	...	178	30
Dacca . { 1st Sub-Judge	32	25	63	120	140	22	...	207	7
Dacca . { 2nd ditto	40	45	52	137	191	115	...	214	15
Dacca . { 3rd ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	261	10
Dinagepore . { Ordinary	9	12	9	30	111	12	...	35	...
Dinagepore . { Small Cause Court Powers	336	308	93	737	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling as Sub-Judge	5	3	3	11	16	15	...	6	...
Furreedpore . { Sub-Judge	7	17	28	52	59	12	...	333	15
Furreedpore . { Additional ditto	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	175	12
Gya . { 1st Sub-Judge { Ordinary	36	32	65	133	171	152	6	36	...
Gya . { 1st Sub-Judge { Small Cause Court Powers	173	105	118	396	44	...	...	..	...
Gya . { 2nd ditto	62	27	87	176	52	40	...	165	...
Hooghly . { 2nd Sub-Judge	27	39	49	115	157	118	...	351	32
Hooghly . { 3rd ditto	31	45	34	110	120	394	...	203	26
Jessore . { Sub-Judge	11	23	28	62	83	41	...	310	38
Jessore . { S. C. C. J. with Powers of S. J.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	3
Sub-Judge of Khoolna. { Ordinary	7	18	13	38	92	111	5	266	43
Sub-Judge of Khoolna. { Small Cause Court Powers	136	226	103	465	76	...	...	..	...
Midnapore . { 1st Sub-Judge	23	17	40	80	126	156	1	513	47
Midnapore . { 2nd ditto	24	20	20	64	82	40	...	509	26
Moorshedabad	22	28	42	92	88	26	2	54	...
Mymensingh . { 1st Sub-Judge	11	55	47	113	153	76	5	474	51
Mymensingh . { 2nd ditto	9	3	20	32	77	10	...	581	21
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nudden	18	19	33	70	122	113	...	135	5
Patna . { 1st Sub-Judge	31	16	47	94	65	42	...	69	2
Patna . { 2nd ditto	31	21	35	87	83	89	...	153	1
Patna . { 3rd ditto	31	28	54	113	133	68	...	49	2
Pubna	27	22	49	98	173	83	...	296	11
Purneah . { Ordinary	23	26	32	81	85	93	2	3	...
Purneah . { Small Cause Court Powers	228	247	136	611	42	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	30	30	35	95	116	47	1	6	...
Rungpore . { Ordinary	12	23	12	47	283	72	...	255	9
Rungpore . { Small Cause Court Powers	605	664	245	1,514		...	...	...	...
Sub-Judge of Jalpiguri	4	6	5	15	6	5	...	56	6
Sarun . { 1st Sub-Judge { Ordinary	18	30	38	86	119	57	2	237	8
Sarun . { 1st Sub-Judge { Small Cause Court Powers	131	122	80	333	45	...	...	...	...
Sarun . { 2nd ditto	26	31	23	80	120	75	...	273	7
Shahabad . { 1st Sub-Judge { Ordinary	37	12	64	113	232	178	2	210	5
Shahabad . { 1st Sub-Judge { Small Cause Court Powers	133	140	65	338	...	...	...	..	...
Shahabad . { 2nd ditto	15	16	38	69	37	19	...	507	12
Tipperah . { 1st Sub-Judge	8	32	25	65	112	36	...	440	11
Tipperah . { 2nd ditto	3	4	8	15	36	11	...	751	20
Tirhoot . { 1st Sub-Judge	56	54	82	192	153	64	...	664	3
Tirhoot . { 2nd ditto	76	73	96	245	160	70	...	483	19
24-Pergunnahs . { 1st Sub-Judge	55	43	77	180	132	47	2	157	7
24-Pergunnahs . { 2nd ditto	62	32	70	164	144	63	1	134	6
24-Pergunnahs . { Additional ditto	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	5	...
Chota Nagpore	31	28	40	99	144	123	...	128	21
TOTAL	3,056	3,188	2,849	9,093	5,667	3,190	35	12,796	650

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Showing the Number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1889.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS				MISCELLANEOUS CASES		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial	Non-Judicial
BACKERGUNGE	Barisal, 1st	731	1,808	486	3,025	1,777	210	56
	Do., 2nd	152	158	140	450	507	64	...
	Do., 3rd	1,165	2,812	571	4,048	2,025	465	311
	Do., 4th	257	185	170	612	488	113	1
	Do., 5th	552	1,821	358	2,731	1,048	189	113
	Patuakhally, 1st	1,376	2,111	516	4,003	1,515	120	15
	Do., 2nd	477	540	362	1,379	590	148	66
	Do, 3rd	790	1,342	622	2,754	1,294	184	122
	Do., 4th	336	354	550	1,240	96	23	
	Perozepore, 1st	872	1,466	369	2,707	1,270	138	155
	Do., 2nd	286	353	266	905	432	125	239
	Do., 3rd	455	642	138	1,235	603	193	57
	Bhola, 1st	1,180	1,880	600	3,660	1,388	329	96
	Do., 2nd	374	253	225	852	344	76	...
	TOTAL	9,003	15,225	5,373	29,601	13,377	2,377	1,231
BEERBHOOM	Suri	476	493	441	1,410	513	105	81
	Dubrajpore	474	401	202	1,077	668	90	69
	Bholepore	679	611	273	1,563	710	122	333
	Do., Additional	80	19	98	197	13	2	
	Rampur Hât	930	741	530	2,201	695	138	250
	Do., Additional	90	7	116	213	6	2	...
	TOTAL	2,729	2,272	1,660	6,661	2,895	459	733
BHAGULPORE	Bhagulpore	951	1,199	608	2,758	1,067	242	408
	Do., Additional	29	16	48	93	...	...	...
	Banka	455	411	335	1,201	493	108	244
	Madhopoora	1,349	1,015	818	3,182	928	274	826
	Monghyr, 1st	393	671	289	1,353	891	116	400
	Do., 2nd	725	438	488	2,151	718	163	102
	Begooserai	684	537	512	1,733	1,071	232	295
	Do., Additional	84	21	24	129	..	..	...
	Jamooee	298	154	144	596	339	80	86
	TOTAL	4,968	4,962	3,266	13,196	5,507	1,245	2,350
BURDWAN	Sudder, 1st	547	356	272	1,175	607	160	106
	Do., 2nd	587	463	273	1,323	571	184	293
	Do., 3rd	623	462	229	1,314	608	167	219
	Culna	1,265	808	312	2,385	813	156	211
	Cutwa, 1st	559	494	388	1,441	570	151	154
	Do., 2nd	517	802	394	1,713	682	214	338
	Bood-Bood	685	419	255	1,359	905	101	231
	Raneegunge	757	542	457	1,756	698	200	182
	TOTAL	5,540	4,346	2,580	12,466	5,454	1,333	1,734
BANKURA	Bankura	1,015	819	293	2,127	1,380	184	183
	Do., Additional	205	241	151	597	50	11	...
	Gungajalghati	550	434	223	1,207	639	67	200
	Bishenpore	948	384	304	1,636	849	137	337
	Do., Additional	50	14	60	124	4	7	..
	Kotulpore	697	446	202	1,345	704	125	183
	Do., Additional	15	5	25	45	...	3	...
	Khatra	597	438	310	1,345	690	111	61
	TOTAL	4,077	2,781	1,568	8,426	4,316	645	964
CHITTAGONG	Sudder	560	450	369	1,379	431	75	38
	Do., Additional	42	1	73	116	1	2	...
	Sitakund	533	494	401	1,428	520	145	102
	Do, Additional	126	21	166	313	8	9	...
	Satkanea	569	356	332	1,257	455	74	75
	North Raojan	441	523	303	1,267	459	78	39
	South Do.	581	330	331	1,242	439	62	39
	Do., Additional	48	21	72	141	11	...	..
	Putteah, 1st	880	957	508	2,345	943	123	125
	Do., 2nd	430	201	307	938	720	219	...
	Do., Additional	108	35	289	432	46	41	..
	Hathhazaree	717	287	381	1,385	746	185	79
	Do., Additional	128	60	212	400	46	16	...
	Fatikcharee	459	246	499	1,204	560	86	53
	Anwara	581	351	316	1,248	642	87	37
	Do., Additional	103	10	119	232	33	29	...
	Cox's Bazar	410	253	121	784	285	31	23
	TOTAL	6,716	4,596	4,799	16,111	6,345	1,262	610

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Showing the Number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1889—continued.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial
CUTTACK	Sudder	1,603	912	379	2,894	800	195	...
	Jajpore	1,179	339	236	1,754	365	210	...
	Kendrapara	1,358	429	287	2,074	190	91	...
	Balasore	1,255	490	224	1,969	264	150	...
	Puri	923	1,064	236	2,223	302	244	...
	TOTAL	6 318	3,234	1,362	10,914	1,921	920	...
DACCA	Sudder, 1st	846	729	320	1,895	428	96	37
	Do, 2nd	718	1,083	227	2,033	382	111	10
	Do., 3rd	115	89	119	323	86	26	
	Do., 4th	20	1	39	60	...	...	...
	Do., 5th	7	9	10	26	...	...	...
	Kaligunge, 1st	942	1,295	334	2,571	657	72	17
	Do., 2nd	479	956	223	1,658	829	98	4
	Munshigunge, 1st	1,005	1,655	423	3,083	715	133	147
	Do., 2nd	1,329	1,839	409	3,577	936	84	60
	Do., 3rd	178	137	227	542	59	17	...
	Do, 4th	169	175	246	590	167	16	..
	Manikgunge, 1st	721	697	357	1,778	356	90	386
	Do., 2nd	815	476	455	1,746	342	123	...
	Do, 3rd	420	446	214	1,080	146	50	...
	Naraingunge	534	922	272	1,728	381	64	18
	TOTAL	8,301	10,514	3,875	22,690	5,484	980	679
DINAGEPORE	Sub-Judge, with powers of Munsif.	76	211	34	321	174	32	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Darjeeling, with powers of Munsif.	11	4	2	17	15	5	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Kurseong, with powers of Munsif	16	24	4	44	6	5	...
	Sudder, 1st	379	1,012	296	1,687	671	102	128
	Do., 2nd	62	41	44	147	...	4	...
	Balurghat	365	406	159	930	234	34	473
	Raigunge	754	989	367	2,110	660	51	400
	Thakurgaon	621	706	234	1,561	733	64	87
	Phulbari	364	540	240	1,144	141	38	631
	Terai	39	29	9	77	17	4	...
	TOTAL	2,687	3,962	1,389	8,038	2,651	339	1,719
FURREEDPORE	Sudder	341	675	299	1,315	524	75	130
	Bhanga, 1st	1,092	1,292	435	2,819	578	135	30
	Do., 2nd	552	841	354	1,747	617	113	155
	Goalundo, 1st	776	676	613	2,065	584	102	124
	Do, 2nd	422	230	241	893	278	81	...
	Madaripore, 1st	330	1,591	520	2,441	733	73	87
	Do, 2nd	459	645	363	1,467	360	32	26
	Chikandi, 1st	1,019	1,799	617	3,435	395	75	155
	Do., 2nd	431	689	410	1,530	404	98	...
	TOTAL	5,422	8,438	3,852	17,712	4,473	784	707
GYA	Sudder, 1st	145	76	166	387	340	77	59
	Do., 2nd	142	71	134	347	256	93	226
	Do., 3rd	178	110	144	432	285	76	48
	Arrangabad	212	101	138	451	148	78	42
	TOTAL	677	358	582	1,617	1,029	324	375
HOOGHLY	Sudder, 1st	670	684	158	1,512	558	164	458
	Do., 2nd	575	420	173	1,168	297	125	252
	Serampore, 1st	335	638	224	1,197	738	162	171
	Do, 2nd	494	589	284	1,367	400	166	212
	Do., 3rd	372	835	322	1,529	848	282	317
	Do., Additional	313	416	230	959	91	69	...
	Jehanabad, 1st	951	725	230	1,906	683	286	993
	Do, 2nd	470	238	308	1,016	365	210	...
	Do., Additional	216	196	171	583	55	12	...
	Howrah, 1st	519	836	323	1,678	545	221	
	Do, 2nd	619	1,088	317	2,024	693	259	
	Ulubariah	824	829	345	1,998	720	228	
	Amta, 1st	496	773	356	1,625	678	322	
	Do., 2nd	258	158	300	716	86	79	...
	TOTAL	7,112	8,425	3,741	19,278	6,757	2,535	3,429

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
JESSORE	Sudder, 1st	1,011	1,059	635	2,705	1,282	224	165
	Do., 2nd	675	1,095	384	2,154	918	252	100
	Do., 3rd	648	992	498	2,138	1,144	212	94
	Narail, 1st	448	635	248	1,331	612	126	201
	Do., 2nd	480	719	244	1,443	686	200	141
	Do., Additional	10	3	7	20	...		...
	Jhenidah	667	585	534	1,786	898	119	246
	Magoorah, 1st	739	579	338	1,656	814	106	137
	Do., 2nd	330	209	323	862	1	25	...
	Bongong, 1st	861	892	356	2,109	1,016	120	238
	Do., 2nd	70	35	23	128	43	4	19
	Khoolna	1,337	1,220	642	3,199	1,308	189	263
	Satkhira, 1st	1,108	1,163	427	2,698	1,204	142	150
	Do., 2nd	520	354	233	1,107	435	101	..
	Do., 3rd	484	627	390	1,501	366	54	...
	Bagirhat, 1st	435	567	345	1,347	548	126	143
	Do., 2nd	726	1,092	474	2,292	838	184	143
	TOTAL	10,549	11,826	6,101	28,476	12,113	2,184	2,040
MIDNAPORE	Sudder, 1st	513	181	181	905	645	224	...
	Do, 2nd	2,851	1,438	531	4,820	1,711	162	335
	Do., 3rd	589	251	285	1,125	379	64	...
	Dantoon	989	527	331	1,847	348	171	50
	Nemal, 1st	386	160	147	693	491	109	...
	Do, 2nd	424	161	134	719	304	77	..
	Do., 3rd	1,195	792	340	2,327	826	94	175
	Do., 4th	39	6	116	161	46	4	..
	Garbetta	1,180	1,025	466	2,671	1,202	260	1,022
	Tumlook, 1st	1,396	1,843	523	3,762	1,335	231	336
	Do., 2nd	424	157	198	779	522	97	...
	Do., 3rd	378	132	190	700	309	165	...
	Do., Additional	21	9	59	89	..	4	...
	Ghattal, 1st	1,248	588	289	2,125	1,099	272	489
	Do., 2nd	8	4	18	30	...	...	...
	TOTAL	11,671	7,274	3,808	22,753	9,217	1,934	2,407
MOORSHEDABAD	Sudder	862	555	435	1,852	587	74	339
	Do., Additional	34	10	120	164	30	...	...
	Kandi, 1st	832	503	459	1,794	421	90	166
	Do., 2nd	463	440	369	1,272	477	98	220
	Jungipur	1,202	590	579	2,371	954	85	264
	Do., Additional 1st	92	303	89	484	4	9	...
	Do., do., 2nd	24	15	89	128	...	...	...
	Azimgunge	524	321	330	1,175	306	68	153
	Lalbagh	769	658	411	1,838	636	77	362
	TOTAL	4,802	3,395	2,881	11,078	3,415	501	1,504
MYMENSINGH	Sudder	785	1,034	371	2,190	644	128	74
	Do., Additional	433	683	221	1,337	468	62	...
	Ishragunge	515	1,203	541	2,259	983	119	44
	Hossainpore, 1st	576	1,101	394	2,071	870	59	39
	Do., 2nd	341	779	312	1,432	671	98	...
	Pingnah	742	1,062	313	2,117	420	61	10
	Shorepore	315	413	284	1,012	300	64	32
	Attia, 1st	550	825	576	1,951	674	142	192
	Do, 2nd	915	685	371	1,971	515	86	...
	Netrokona, 1st	372	660	367	1,399	961	83	...
	Do., 2nd	1,279	1,914	797	3,990	1,412	141	77
	Do., 3rd	363	523	317	1,203	320	46	...
	Bazitpore	494	945	395	1,834	653	100	130
	Do., Additional	358	752	414	1,524	407	45	...
	Jamalpore	809	790	537	2,136	657	182	39
	Do., Additional	6	1	42	49	...	...	...
	TOTAL	8,883	13,370	6,252	28,505	9,955	1,410	637
NOAKHALLY	Sudharam, 1st	675	1,093	493	2,261	955	86	142
	Do., 2nd	176	283	184	643	376	51	...
	Lukhipore, 1st	991	1,430	510	2,931	1,037	137	168
	Do., 2nd	263	529	265	1,057	538	74	...
	Sundip	619	463	360	1,442	777	135	120
	Begumgunge, 1st	1,213	1,624	482	3,319	1,784	149	85
	Do., 2nd	67	58	73	198	...	2	...
	Dewangunge, 1st	908	893	356	2,157	1,158	112	139
	Do, 2nd	1	5	7	13	...	...	...
	Hatya	290	236	225	751	378	62	74
	TOTAL	5,203	6,614	2,955	14,772	7,003	808	728

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Showing the Number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1889—continued.

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
NUDDEA	Krishnaggur, 1st	504	415	290	1,209	637	116	237
	Do., 2nd	37	41	49	127	24	9	...
	Kooshtea, 1st	438	327	391	1,156	602	140	84
	Do., 2nd	296	357	392	1,045	693	85	119
	Do., Additional	7	2	24	33	...	1	.
	Meherpore	284	126	129	539	153	25	164
	Ranaghat	500	392	295	1,187	522	124	264
	Chooadanga	292	182	238	712	297	35	106
	TOTAL	2,358	1,842	1,808	6,008	2,928	535	974
PATNA	Sudder, 1st	496	239	277	1,012	506	145	442
	Do., 2nd	687	547	558	1,792	485	215	234
	Do., 3rd	336	352	221	909	518	140	201
	Do., 4th	3	...	6	9	...	...	...
	Behar	271	124	178	573	289	112	215
	TOTAL	1,793	1,262	1,240	4,295	1,798	612	1,092
PUBNA AND BOGRA	Pubna	583	389	793	1,765	910	164	193
	Shazadpur	608	466	466	1,540	471	98	341
	Serajgunge	590	929	366	1,885	605	90	209
	Bogra	663	832	444	1,939	929	122	129
	Nobabgunge	615	781	365	1,761	424	131	188
	TOTAL	3,059	3,397	2,434	8,890	3,339	605	1,060
PURNEAH	Sudder	302	610	427	1,339	736	209	396
	Kudba	772	550	231	1,553	312	94	815
	Arrarea, 1st	405	430	384	1,219	751	138	448
	Do., 2nd	430	546	439	1,415	614	91	...
	Kissengunge, 1st	1,259	724	550	2,533	566	165	525
	Do., 2nd	679	461	499	1,639	506	161	...
	TOTAL	3,847	3,321	2,530	9,688	3,485	858	2,184
RAJSHAHYE	Beauliah	646	394	290	1,330	353	153	823
	Nattore, 1st	712	609	439	1,760	648	99	293
	Do., 2nd	6	1	49	56	..	...	...
	Nowgong	451	507	195	1,153	278	143	87
	Maldah	980	1,063	332	2,375	482	124	427
	Do., Additional	11	16	10	37	..	1	...
	Sibgunge	830	921	318	2,069	508	101	61
	TOTAL	3,636	3,511	1,633	8,786	2,269	621	1,691
RUNGPORE	Sudder, 1st	641	1,297	488	2,426	727	98	851
	Do., 2nd	372	649	252	1,273	450	51	405
	Do., 3rd	108	125	137	370	...	7	...
	Kurigram, 1st	1,093	1,403	458	2,954	750	53	299
	Do., 2nd	328	371	140	839	231	61	...
	Nelphamari, 1st	766	1,187	306	2,259	701	40	43
	Do., 2nd	252	347	167	766	228	68	...
	Gaibanda, 1st	580	957	294	1,831	569	100	371
	Do., 2nd	250	288	226	764	263	61	...
	Julpiguri	575	702	420	1,697	298	159	...
	Olipore	99	38	24	161	83	20	...
	TOTAL	5,064	7,364	2,912	15,340	4,250	718	1,969
SARUN	Chuprah, 1st	179	93	173	440	348	138	...
	Do., 2nd	354	224	245	823	441	133	...
	Do., 3rd	634	436	430	1,500	644	127	565
	Sewan	585	327	268	1,180	623	305	557
	Do., Additional	322	128	233	683	39	51	36
	Motihari, 1st	1,154	434	415	2,003	410	313	2,042
	Do., 2nd	644	278	319	1,241	405	342	754
	TOTAL	3,867	1,920	2,083	7,870	2,930	1,409	3,954

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DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.	SUITS				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
SHAHABAD	Arrah, 1st	464	518	366	1,348	903	103	236
	Do., 2nd	664	673	375	1,712	1,293	121	421
	Do., 3rd	487	534	347	1,368	831	150	...
	Buxar, 1st	136	129	426	691	410	81	242
	Do., 2nd	279	367	295	941	494	165	...
	Sasseram	626	368	359	1,353	509	142	442
	TOTAL	2,656	2,589	2,168	7,413	4,440	762	1,341
TIPPERAH	Comillah, 1st	287	335	245	867	414	107	...
	Do., 2nd	770	971	490	2,231	834	147	68
	Do., Additional	266	256	367	889	368	79	...
	Brahmunbariah, 1st	293	584	271	1,148	543	211	...
	Do., 2nd	1,005	1,458	421	2,884	548	125	306
	Do., Additional	306	352	257	915	134	69	...
	Gouripura	954	1,714	369	3,037	1,012	289	234
	Kushba	533	663	345	1,541	754	116	124
	Do., Additional	334	373	333	1,040	144	18	...
	Ramroygram	951	786	521	2,261	854	64	162
	Muradnagar, 1st	570	920	290	1,780	558	169	...
	Do., 2nd	520	634	425	1,579	651	65	218
	Do., 3rd	416	398	212	1,026	277	103	...
	Chandpur, 1st	866	1,071	246	2,183	709	57	...
	Do, 2nd	546	809	425	1,780	611	47	56
	Do., Additional	10	3	5	18	...	...	...
	TOTAL	8,630	11,327	5,222	25,179	8,411	1,666	1,168
TIRHOOT	Mozufferpore, 1st	806	712	949	2,467	959	107	607
	Do., 2nd	389	381	279	1,049	498	100	...
	Sitamarhi	470	298	306	1,074	626	111	510
	Hajipore	438	509	417	1,364	837	151	139
	Darbhangah	521	471	421	1,413	582	202	657
	Madhubani	365	266	310	941	643	103	591
	Tajpore	441	530	523	1,494	723	139	422
	TOTAL	3,430	3,167	3,205	9,802	4,868	913	2,926
24-PERGUNNAHS	Alipore, 1st	474	368	264	1,106	631	215	..
	Do., 2nd	316	181	261	758	561	153	...
	Do., 3rd	773	1,462	546	2,781	980	252	130
	Do., Additional	22	27	15	64	...	...	...
	Diamond Harbour, 1st	835	1,958	307	3,100	1,174	210	250
	Do., 2nd	261	363	187	811	419	88	...
	Do., 3rd	196	436	236	968	447	113	..
	Do., 4th	76	128	139	343	188	29	...
	Baraset, 1st	694	233	312	1,239	475	127	...
	Do., 2nd	1,377	1,185	588	3,150	873	133	241
	Sealdah, 1st	479	571	355	1,405	446	207	55
	Do., 2nd	329	645	406	1,380	250	129	...
	Bassirhat, 1st	1,272	1,039	471	2,772	964	113	303
	Do., 2nd	683	329	251	1,263	395	91	...
	Do., Additional	134	140	151	425	15	14	...
	Baripore, 1st	553	917	290	1,760	803	153	83
	Do., 2nd	772	1,033	452	2,257	907	94	118
	TOTAL	9,346	11,005	5,231	25,582	9,478	2,121	1,180
CHOTA NAGPORE	Hazaribagh	159	128	102	389	135	50	...
	Chattra	82	43	40	165	62	36	...
	Giridih	369	222	178	769	371	50	..
	Lohardugga	70	87	62	169	111	41	...
	Ranchi	203	183	268	654	210	200	...
	Palamow	193	63	106	362	129	68	...
	Purulia	436	342	357	1,135	447	136	...
	Do., Extra	...	...		...	...	179	...
	Barabazar	298	139	100	537	194	85	...
	Raghunathpore	308	190	210	708	351	65	...
	Gobindpore	119	78	73	270	71	34	...
	Singbhoom	29	26	25	80	21	8	...
	TOTAL	2,266	1,451	1,521	5,238	2,102	952	...
	GRAND TOTAL	1,54,610	1,63,748	88,031	4,06,389	1,52,210	31,812	41,392

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Average Duration of Cases.

DISTRICTS.	Procedure.*	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge	O.	0 4 7	0 4 28	0 6 7	0 2 24	0 5 24	0 2 16	0 1 8	0 0 28
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 24	0 1 8	...	...
Beerbhoom	O.	0 2 2	0 1 9	0 5 6	0 2 11	0 3 15	0 1 27	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 10	0 0 26	...	...
Bhagulpore	O.	...	...	0 8 8	0 4 5	0 3 9	0 1 27	0 0 21	0 0 21
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 28	0 0 26	...	...
Burdwan	O.	0 5 0	0 3 27	0 7 7	0 3 21	0 5 8	0 2 18	..	...
	S.	...	...	0 2 11	0 1 29	0 1 13	0 1 0	...	...
Bankura	O.	0 10 0	0 6 25	0 4 10	0 0 26	0 5 5	0 2 18	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 3	0 0 29	...	...
Chittagong	O.	0 3 19	...	0 6 23	0 4 5	0 6 8	0 3 1	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 10	0 1 1	0 1 23	0 1 10	...	...
Cuttack	O.	...	0 6 23	0 6 1	0 3 12	0 4 21	0 2 9	0 1 10	0 1 0
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 28	...	...
Dacca	O.	0 6 2	0 3 15	1 1 16	0 5 23	0 6 8	0 2 18	0 1 7	0 0 22
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 29	0 1 5	...	...
Dinagepore	O.	...	0 2 15	0 4 23	0 3 9	0 3 20	0 1 26	0 1 21	0 1 14
	S.	...	...	0 1 7	0 1 2	0 1 24	0 0 23	...	...
Furreedpore	O.	0 3 25	0 4 20	0 7 24	0 2 29	0 5 4	0 2 18	0 1 6	0 0 26
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 16	0 1 3	...	...
Gya	O.	0 3 4	...	0 9 21	0 5 13	0 5 7	0 2 11	..	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 17	0 1 2	0 1 19	0 0 20	...	...
Hooghly	O.	0 2 23	0 4 6	0 6 26	0 3 11	0 4 14	0 2 3	0 1 23	0 0 25
	S.	..	...	...	...	0 1 8	0 0 29	...	...
Jessore	O.	0 3 8	0 2 16	0 10 0	0 2 2	0 4 28	0 2 23	0 1 18	0 0 27
	S.	...	...	0 1 1	0 1 2	0 1 28	0 1 8	...	...
Midnapore	O.	0 0 29	0 2 18	0 5 0	0 2 12	0 4 10	0 2 8	0 0 28	0 0 27
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 7	0 0 26	...	...
Moorshedabad	O.	0 3 26	0 3 11	0 9 9	0 3 29	0 4 17	0 2 9	0 0 24	0 0 21
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 11	0 1 3	...	...
Mymensingh	O.	0 5 12	0 3 5	0 10 3	0 3 10	0 5 25	0 2 8	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 2 3	0 1 7	...	...
Noakhally	O.	0 2 16	0 1 14	...	...	0 4 19	0 1 29	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 1	0 0 29	...	..
Nuddea	O.	0 2 22	0 2 20	0 6 13	0 2 22	0 5 3	0 1 27	0 1 7	0 1 0
	S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	O.	0 2 15	0 1 16	0 11 2	0 5 13	0 7 9	0 3 7	0 0 27	0 0 22
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 25	...	...
Pubna and Bogra	O.	0 3 27	0 3 0	0 10 15	0 4 9	0 5 16	0 2 8	0 1 8	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 13	0 0 27	...	...
Purneah	O.	0 4 14	0 3 24	0 4 21	0 4 19	0 5 28	0 2 29	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 28	0 1 20	0 1 11	0 1 3	...	...
Rajshahye	O.	0 3 28	0 5 4	0 11 11	0 8 23	0 5 16	0 2 15	0 1 13	0 1 7
	S.	...	...	..	...	0 1 17	0 1 6	...	...
Rungpore	O.	0 4 25	0 9 4	0 9 3	0 4 1	0 5 1	0 2 6	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 26	0 1 7	0 0 29	...	...
Sarun	O.	0 6 29	0 7 11	0 10 1	0 3 7	0 5 26	0 2 26	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 24	0 0 18	0 1 10	0 0 26	...	...
Shahabad	O.	...	...	0 5 28	0 3 5	0 4 12	0 2 11	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 20	0 1 10	0 0 29	...	...
Tipperah	O.	0 10 0	...	0 6 21	0 2 11	0 5 20	0 2 10	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 28	0 1 7	...	...
Tirhoot	O.	0 4 17	0 4 20	0 3 23	0 2 10	0 4 9	0 1 16	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 9	0 1 3	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	O.	0 3 16	0 4 1	0 10 17	0 5 6	0 5 12	0 2 26	0 2 9	0 0 25
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 24	0 1 4	...	...
Chota Nagpore	O.	...	...	1 0 27	0 3 17	0 3 19	0 1 18	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General Average	O.	0 4 6	0 3 21	0 8 12	0 3 28	0 5 5	0 2 12	0 1 13	0 0 27
	S.	...	...	0 1 11	0 1 2	0 1 17	0 1 2	...	...

N. B.—O. indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the Regular Civil Court; S. those disposed of under Small Cause Court powers.

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Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1889.

DISTRICTS.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	₹	₹	₹	₹
Backergunge	4,49,552	1,93,883	2,55,669	...
Beerbhoom	1,39,053	82,071	56,982	...
Bhagulpore	3,52,311	1,44,516	2,07,795	...
Burdwan	2,21,863	1,22,122	99,741	...
Bankura	1,44,135	73,954	70,181	...
Chittagong	2,48,263	1,53,097	95,166	...
Cuttack	1,54,651	79,328	75,323	...
Dacca	4,19,202	2,06,497	2,12,705	...
Dinagepore	1,36,382	87,235	49,147	...
Furreedpore	2,48,624	1,20,032	1,28,592	...
Gya	1,43,891	80,737	63,154	...
Hooghly	4,00,867	1,92,052	2,08,815	...
Jessore	5,10,820	2,12,898	2,97,922	...
Midnapore	3,31,614	1,54,971	1,76,643	...
Moorshedabad	1,54,602	1,02,556	52,046	...
Mymensingh	4,73,139	1,66,695	3,06,444	...
Noakhally	2,13,145	97,477	1,15,668	...
Nuddea	1,90,686	1,29,660	61,026	...
Patna	1,89,069	1,03,316	85,753	...
Pubna and Bogra	1,88,643	1,03,915	84,728	...
Purneah	1,93,856	80,540	1,13,316	...
Rajshahye	1,62,381	87,990	74,391	...
Rungpore	2,41,296	1,25,022	1,16,274	...
Sarun	2,22,607	1,04,548	1,18,059	...
Shahabad	1,97,976	97,186	1,00,790	...
Tipperah	3,72,451	1,71,643	2,00,808	...
Tirhoot	3,33,676	1,20,195	2,13,481	...
24-Pergunnahs	4,61,530	2,45,313	2,16,217	...
Chota Nagpore	1,52,445	1,13,999	38,446	...
TOTAL	76,48,730	37,53,448	38,95,282	...
Calcutta	9,82,721	11,34,814	...	1,52,093
GRAND TOTAL	86,31,451	48,88,262	37,43,189	...

S.

Details of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts, 1889.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.					TOTAL.	CHARGES.						TOTAL.
	IN COURT-FEE STAMPS.		IN CASH OR SPECIAL STAMPS.				Share of officers' salary debitable to Civil Justice.	ESTABLISHMENT.			CONTINGENCIES.		
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts debited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the establishment.	Contingencies and refunds.	
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
Backergunge	1,54,882	2,71,126	222	16,541	6,781	4,49,552	69,969	31,890	2,357	46,786	8,270	34,611	1,93,883
Beerbhoom	36,756	73,854	83	8,429	19,931	1,39,053	73,434	19,238	1,187	16,012	4,213	3,987	82,071
Bhagulpore	78,952	2,47,779	129	22,266	3,185	3,52,311	68,139	23,144	1,700	34,523	11,133	5,877	1,44,516
Burdwan	64,323	1,43 092	117	13,050	1,281	2,21,863	59,083	23,581	1,957	25,893	6,524	5,084	1,22,122
Bankura	46,866	84,072	94	10,282	2,821	1,44,135	31,444	16,353	1,313	16,389	5,141	3,314	73,954
Chittagong	75,497	1,48.098	400	21,812	2,456	2,48,263	54,501	37,547	3,136	38,358	10,434	5,121	1,53,097
Cuttack	33,987	1,11,605	287	6,427	2,345	1,54,651	31,361	18,109	360	23,473	3,193	2,832	79,328
Dacca	1,37,746	2,53,294	153	24,531	3,478	4,19,202	91,209	36,562	3,500	46,395	11,654	17,177	2,06,497
Dinagepore	40,331	86,751	132	5,353	3,815	1,36,382	42,790	16,627	288	20,503	2,642	4,385	87,235
Furreedpore	88,192	1,41,679	464	13,875	4,414	2,48,624	49,370	24,025	2,396	27,733	6,638	9,870	1,20,032
Gya	29,203	1,02,790	86	8,059	3,753	1,43,891	44,682	13,409	924	16,013	4,029	1,680	80,737
Hooghly	1,12,314	2,62,303	604	21,854	3,792	4,00.867	95,060	31,770	2,258	43,177	10,927	8,860	1,92,052
Jessore	1,70,977	3,12,788	139	24,246	2,670	5,10,820	86,880	44,230	3,432	53,894	12,116	12,346	2,12,898
Midnapore	87,863	2,18,576	700	19,974	4,501	3,31,614	67,547	35,069	2,368	35,201	10,046	4,740	1,54,971
Moorshedabad	43,182	99,035	60	10,848	1,477	1,54,602	45,640	20,198	1,459	24,880	5,424	4,955	1,02,556
Mymensingh	1,71,341	2,74,022	886	23,410	3,480	4,73,139	68,972	35,340	3,339	37,049	11,703	10,292	1,66,695
Noakhally	70,795	1,24,865	229	11,671	5,585	2,13,145	41,930	20,834	1,634	22,274	5,815	4,990	97,477
Nuddea	58,089	1,21,110	139	9,788	1,560	1,90,686	59,146	21,049	1,071	34,883	4,857	8,654	1,29,660
Patna	32,307	1,44,669	121	9,069	2,903	1,89,069	59,511	14,155	1,070	22,001	4,534	2,045	1,03,316
Pubna and Bogra	62,273	1,10,066	212	12,446	3,646	1,88,643	44,356	18,415	1,548	24,046	6,282	9,268	1,03,915
Purneah	37,153	1,43,675	159	8,748	4,121	1,93,856	39,051	13,731	550	20,265	4,452	2,491	80,540
Rajshahye	47,011	1,01,783	188	8,653	4,746	1,62,381	35.134	16,830	1,423	22,046	4,317	8,240	87,990
Rungpore	70,619	1,55,615	549	11,277	3,236	2,41,296	51,448	25,734	1,824	33,183	5 634	7,199	1,25,022
Sarun	52,263	1,55,804	133	12,014	2,393	2,22,607	47,161	20,843	1,298	24,489	6,007	4,750	1,04,548
Shahabad	43,855	1,41,767	144	11,995	215	1,97,976	49,749	15,570	1,695	20,553	5,448	4,171	97,186
Tipperah	1,25,651	2.20,496	159	18,678	7,467	3,72,451	71,546	37,364	2,637	39,091	9,339	11,666	1,71,643
Tirhoot	64,710	2,35,563	603	20,772	12,028	3,33,676	57,755	24,061	5,074	21,788	8,106	3,411	1,20,195
24-Pergunnahs	1,14,330	3,16,292	112	24,842	5,954	4,61,530	1,40,932	31,908	3,629	48,703	12,435	7,616	2,45,313
Chota Nagpore	33,982	1,10,835	180	5,828	1,620	1,52,445	49,648	20,367	524	36,880	2,903	3,677	1,13,999
TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR. — Small Cause Courts	1,28,684	2,97,260	255	4,366	2,104	4,32.669	98,718	37,666	12	67,569	2,151	14,230	2,20,346
— Munsifs	17,39,487	31,18,554	5,894	2,10,230	48,422	51,22,587	8,40,978	4,05,533	28,895	4,00,117	1,02,862	95,628	18,74,013
— Subordinate Judges	2,24,843	8,88,116	522	6,513	6,834	11,26,828	3,65,518	20,773	767	98,657	3,252	9,172	4,98,139
— Judges and Additional Judges	92,436	6,09,474	813	1,95,629	68,294	9,66,646	3,90,234	2,44,071	26,277	3,10,138	95,951	94 279	11,60,950
TOTAL	21,85,450	49,13,404	7,484	4,16,738	1,25,654	76,48,730	16,95,448	7,08,043	55,951	8,76,481	2,04,216	2,13,309	37,53,448
TOTAL FOR COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY. — Presidency Small Cause Courts	3,20,482	528	24	...	4,071	3,25,105	80,631	14,718	...	62.311	...	48,045	2,05,705
— High Court — Appellate Side	...	1,79,443	...	...	25,467	2,04,910	4,11,000	...	...	2,17,296	...	43,360	6,71,656
— High Court — Original Side	...	4,52,706	...	...	...	4,52,706	75,900	...	...	1,65,243	...	16,310	2,57,453
TOTAL	3,20,482	6,32,677	24	...	29,538	9,82,721	5,67,531	14,718	...	4,44,850	...	1,07,715	11,34,814
GRAND TOTAL	25,05,932	55,46,081	7,508	4,16,738	1,55,192	86,31,451	22,62,979	7,22,761	55,951	13,21,331	2,04,216	3,21,024	48,88,262

T.

Statement showing the Number of Probates, Letters of Administration, Certificates and Extended Certificates, under Act XXVII of 1860 and Act VII of 1889, granted in Bengal during the financial year 1889-90, and the Amount of Duty realized thereon.

SCALE OF VALUE.	COURT.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of Intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860 or Act VII of 1889.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of extended Certificates under Section 10 of Act VII of 1889.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
			₹		₹		₹		₹
NOT EXCEEDING ₹1,000	High Court	8	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	390	...	110	...	1,211	6,651	14	136
ABOVE 1,000 UP TO 5,000	High Court	48	1,965	71	3,654	...	...	....	...
	District Court	155	7,626	52	2,662	347	16,022	4	273
ABOVE 5,000 UP TO 10,000	High Court	23	3,157	26	3,448	...	...	...	...
	District Court	36	5,302	9	1,276	69	10,331	...	...
ABOVE 10,000 UP TO 50,000	High Court	54	25,729	26	12,401	...	...	...	...
	District Court	47	19,546	6	3,258	62	22,107	1	390
ABOVE 50,000 UP TO 1,00,000	High Court	18	26,636	5	7,490	...	...	...	...
	District Court	6	7,850	2	3,146	7	11,806	...	...
ABOVE 1,00,000	High Court	23	98,732	3	29,534	...	...	...	...
	District Court	4	26,736	...	...	3	8,854	...	...
TOTAL	High Court	174	1,56,219	143	56,527	...	...	...	...
	District Court	638	67,060	179	10,342	1,699	75,771	19	799
TOTAL. DUTIABLE	...	414	2,23,279	200	66,869	1,699	75,771	19	799
TOTAL. NOT DUTIABLE	...	398	...	122	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	...	812	2,23,279	322	66,869	1,699	75,771	19	799

U.

Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the employment of Civil Court Amins during the year 1889-90.

DISTRICTS.	Receipts on account of Amins permanently entertained.	Disbursements on account of Amins permanently entertained.	Receipts on account of Amins temporarily employed.	Disbursements on account of Amins temporarily employed.	Amount received as fees for the employment of Munsifs, as Commissioners.	Amins permanently employed.	
						1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹		
Backergunge	1,920	1,440	174	89	...	1	2
Beerbhoom	288	600	...	...	7	...	1
Bhagulpore	1,383	1,440	18	18	...	1	1
Burdwan	1,032	1,583	...	...	15	...	2
Bankura	647	595	888	666	...	...	1
Chittagong	2,520	1,440	...	782	30	1	1
Cuttack	608	840	...	...	...	1	...
Dacca	5,679	2,640	198	1,642	3	1	3
Dinagepore	400	660	...	...	...	...	1
Furreedpore	1,761	1,200	...	...	...	...	2
Gya	275	563	...	...	...	...	1
Hooghly	564	840	...	..	37	1	...
Jessore	2,725	2,032	...	...	...	1	2
Midnapore	940	664	586	163	97	...	1
Moorshedabad	582	835	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh	4,579	3,542	389	194	12	1	4
Noakhally	978	600	216	333	...	...	1
Nuddea	810	577	...	...	36	...	1
Patna	434	600	...	...	8	...	1
Pubna and Bogra	3,403	840	800	2,081	...	1	...
Purneah	383	151	...	...	20	...	1
Rajshahye	1,254	1,163	...	...	...	...	2
Rungpore	966	1,865	...	...	6	1	2
Sarun	760	840	...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad	720	600	45	6	32	...	1
Tipperah	1,839	1,050	...	147	33	...	3
Tirhoot	2,427	1,800	...	...	...	...	3
24-Pergunnahs	1,993	2,040	20	20	3	1	2
Chota Nagpore	1,436	1,667	53	35	...	...	3
Add—10 per cent. on account of pension	...	3,470	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	43,306	38,177	3,387	6,176	339	13	42

V.

Statistics of Local Enquiries, 1889.

BENGAL.

SCALE OF VALUE.	Number.	Aggregate Value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		₹	₹	₹	₹	Days.
Cases not exceeding ₹ 5	82	331	4	1,582	19	4
Ditto „ 20	252	3,305	13	4,177	17	3
Ditto „ 50	325	11,307	35	6,139	19	4
Ditto „ 100	272	20,997	77	5,533	20	5
Ditto „ 500	402	87,454	218	11,480	29	6
Ditto „ 1,000	70	51,421	735	4,886	69	16
Cases exceeding „ 1,000	229	10,36,725	4,527	20,881	91	21
TOTAL	1,632	12,11,540	742·3	54,628	33·4	...

W.

Number of Applications for a Declaration of Insolvency instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the previous year.

DISTRICTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Backergunge	15	9	23	8	3	4
Beerbhoom	2	1	3	1	...	...
Bhagulpore	17	25	24	21	...	4
Burdwan	17	5	18	6	3	2
Bankura	1	1	1	1	...	...
Chittagong	5	10	5	8	2	4
Cuttack	4	2	2	3	3	2
Dacca	34	14	43	19	4	4
Dinagepore	12	5	15	6	2	2
Furreedpore	3	2	5	2	...	...
Gya	4	9	4	5	1	5
Hooghly	31	36	57	36	4	4
Jessore	4	4	6	4	1	1
Midnapore	20	8	19	8	1	1
Moorshedabad	9	10	10	10	...	...
Mymensingh	23	12	25	14	5	3
Noakhally	9	7	10	8	1	...
Nuddea	1	3	1	3	...	...
Patna	9	14	9	10	1	5
Pubna and Bogra	6	3	9	3	...	...
Purneah	1	1	2	...	...	1
Rajshahye	8	11	9	6	1	6
Rungpore	18	10	27	9	3	4
Sarun	10	11	10	8	2	5
Shahabad	...	...	3	...	...	...
Tipperah	12	2	16	2	...	...
Tirhoot	15	15	17	11	1	5
24-Pergunnahs	85	44	94	67	17	16
Chota Nagpore	5	...	8	...	...	...
Total	380	274	475	279	55	78

W 1.

Number of Persons declared to be Insolvents, and those who obtained their discharge during the past as compared with the previous year.

DISTRICTS.	DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENTS.		DISCHARGED.		PENDING.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
Backergunge	2	2	2	2	...	...
Beerbhoom	2	1	2	1	...	...
Bhagulpore	8	6	8	6	2	2
Burdwan	7	3	7	3	...	...
Bankura	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	1	1	1	1	4	2
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	19	3	10	3	2	...
Dinagepore	10	2	10	2	...	...
Furreedpore	2	1	3	1	...	...
Gya	...	3	...	3	...	...
Hooghly	18	6	18	6	...	...
Jessore	2	...	2	...	...	...
Midnapore	8	2	8	2	...	...
Moorshedabad	5	3	7	1	...	2
Mymensingh	15	7	15	7	...	...
Noakhally	4	2	4	2	...	...
Nuddea	1	2	1	3	1	...
Patna	4	3	2	5	12	10
Pubna and Bogra	5	2	5	2	...	...
Purneah	1	...	1	...	...	...
Rajshahye	4	3	4	3	...	...
Rungpore	15	5	15	5	...	...
Sarun	1	1	1	3	3	1
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	7	...	7	8	...	...
Tirhoot	9	8	9	8	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	44	22	44	16	2	6
Chota Nagpore	3	...	3	...	...	...
TOTAL	197	88	189	85	26	23

W 2.

Realizations and Disbursements by Receivers appointed under Section 351 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

DISTRICTS.	REALIZED.		DISBURSED.		BALANCE.	
	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	7	7
Beerbhoom	24	...	2	...	38	38
Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	39	...	4	...	35	35
Bankura	129	...	129	...	...	...
Chittagong	649	180	898	170	67	77
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	554	472	4	663	550	359
Dinagepore	294	194	...	488	294	...
Furreedpore	1	3	...	...	1	3
Gya	6,615	30	27,853	2	...	27
Hooghly	714	290	48	599	801	492
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	97	20	77	72	72	20
Moorshedabad	441	...	281	127	160	33
Mymensingh	1,240	349	1,125	...	252	601
Noakhally	45	...	45	...	...	...
Nuddea	551	177	551	177	...	...
Patna	7,121	2,614	787	6,254	6,968	1,886
Pubna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	3	...	3	...	...	...
Rajshahye	...	...	223	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	374	...	374	...	...
Sarun	2,167	1,838	986	1,517	1,284	1,605
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	...	1,030	...	1,030	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	2,920	1,000	3,465	946	127	54
Chota Nagpore	229	346	243	335	...	11
TOTAL	23,833	8,917	36,724	12,754	10,656	5,248

X

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1889.

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION.)

Provinces of Bengal, Assam, and British Burmah.

NATURE OF APPEALS.			Remaining at the close of 1888.	Brought before the Court in 1889.	Disposed of in 1889.	Remaining at the close of 1889.
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees	of the Courts in the Interior	433*a*	324*b*	305*c*	452*d*
		of the High Court	16	40	31	25
	From Original Orders	of the Courts in the Interior	95	194	205	84
		of the High Court	...	...	...	...
SECOND APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees	of the High Court	...	...	...	...
		of the Courts in the Interior	1,791	2,658	1,598	2,851
	From Appellate Orders	of the High Court	...	...	...	...
		of the Courts in the Interior	56	209	167	98
THIRD APPEALS	From Original Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing First Appeals.	..	1	...	1
	From Appellate Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing Second Appeals.	...	...	...	...
		of one Judge hearing Second Appeals.	...	22	...	22
REFERENCES TO FULL BENCH.	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	...	2	1	1
		from Original Orders	...	2	...	2
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	2	6	3	5
		from Appellate Orders	...	...	...	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW.	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	...	8	8	...
		from Original Orders	2	1	3	...
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	...	22	20	2
		from Appellate Orders	1	6	7	...
REFERENCES	Under Section 617, Act XIV of 1882		2	9	9	2
	Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act)		...	..	...	...
	Under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners Act		3	3	5	1
	Under Section 23 of Act XIV of 1882		1	2	3	...
Divorce cases			...	3	2	1
Miscellaneous Orders in Court			11	385	396	...
		TOTAL	2,413	3,897	2,763	3,547
CRIMINAL CASES	CRIMINAL.					
	Appeals		65	950	945	70
	References under	Section 341, Act X of 1882	...	2	2	...
		Ditto 307, ditto	2	15	16	1
		Ditto 374, ditto	3	25	24	4
		Ditto 432, ditto	...	...	...	...
		Ditto 339, ditto	...	1	1	...
		Ditto 69 (*a*) of the Lower Burma Courts Act, XI of 1889	..	1	1	...
	Revisions		34	872	874	32
	Full Bench References		...	...	..	...
	Miscellaneous Orders in Court		...	10	10	...
		TOTAL	104	1,876	1,873	107
		GRAND TOTAL	2,517	5,773	4,636	3,654

a Of these, 79 are Will cases.

b Of these, 44 are Will cases.

c Of these, 52 are Will cases.

d Of these, 71 are Will cases.

DAYS OF SITTINGS WITH NUMBER OF JUDGES.

Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
1	5	5	3
16	4	5	2
9	4	4	2
3	4	4	1
3	4	3	2
3	3	6	1
12	3	5	2
3	3	5	1
9	3	4	3
5	3	4	2
15	3	4	1
2	3	3	3
2	3	3	2
1	3	3	1
1	3	3	...
2	3	2	2
1	3	2	1
1	2	6	1
16	2	5	3
2	2	5	2
15	2	5	1
3	2	4	3
3	2	4	2
1	2	4	1
1	2	4	...
5	2	3	1
2	2	2	2
1	2	2	1
1	2	2	...
1	2	1	3
2	1	6	1
8	1	5	2
1	1	5	1
3	1	4	3
7	1	4	2
7	1	4	1
4	1	3	2
3	1	2	1
8	1	1	...
2	1	...	...
40	...	1	1
3	...	1	...
228	93	148	63

Besides the 22 Second Appeals under the Letters Patent, there were seven others, four of which were in the matter of Privy Council Appeals preferred against the orders of a single Judge, presiding in the Privy Council Department, one in the matter of rule *Nisi* preferred against the order of a single Judge, one in the matter of Miscellaneous appeal preferred against the order of one of two Judges of a Division Court, and one in the matter of an application for re-admission of a Regular Appeal rejected by a single Judge.

Besides the above Full Bench References, two rules *Nisi* were referred to a Full Bench, and one which was pending from last year has been disposed of.

Y.

Appeals, &c., instituted in the High Court in the year 1889.

(Showing Divisions and Districts.)

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted in 1889.					Appeals from Orders.	
		Appeals from Decrees.						
		First Appeals.			Second Appeals.			
		₹10,000 and upwards.	Below ₹10,000.	Letters of Administration.	Exceeding ₹50 in value.	Not exceeding ₹50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
Central Division—								
Presidency . . .	24-Pergunnahs	2	21	6	85	66	12	48
	Nuddea	2	...	3	24	23	8	7
	Jessore	...	8	1	42	55	4	5
	Moorshedabad	2	8	1	29	13	2	2
	Total .	6	37	11	180	157	26	62
Burdwan	Bankura	...	2	...	27	9	1	4
	Burdwan	3	4	2	20	21	5	2
	Beerbhoom	1	3	1	31	16	1	4
	Midnapore	2	5	3	68	55	6	2
	Hooghly	6	7	3	72	60	10	3
	Total .	12	21	9	218	161	23	15
British Burma Recorder.	Rangoon	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total .	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
Western Division—								
Patna	Patna	4	17	5	57	60	19	8
	Gya	5	19	1	56	9	14	11
	Shahabad	1	9	...	84	91	6	4
	Sarun	1	6	1	45	52	7	7
	Tirhoot	6	25	2	105	262	17	15
	Total .	17	76	9	347	474	63	45
Bhagulpore . . .	Bhagulpore	16	27	...	95	47	18	8
	Sonthal Pergunnahs . . .	...	2	...	13	...	2	2
	Purneah	2	3	1	17	10	1	2
	Total .	18	32	1	125	57	21	12
Chota Nagpore . .	Chota Nagpore	2	4	1	25	3	6	3
Cuttack . . .	Cuttack	2	...	...	18	14	8	6
	Total .	4	4	1	43	17	14	9
Eastern Division—								
Dacca	Dacca	3	13	1	55	93	9	4
	Furreedpore	...	2	1	41	22	4	2
	Backergunge	1	2	2	33	8	5	15
	Mymensingh	4	6	2	56	50	4	10
	Tipperah	1	1	1	29	53	2	5
	Noakhally	...	3	...	59	39	1	...
	Total .	9	27	7	273	270	25	36
Rajshahye . . .	Dinagepore	...	...	...	11	19	3	5
	Rajshahye	...	1	...	25	13	8	5
	Rungpore	...	1	2	18	30	2	...
	Pubna and Bogra . . .	1	1	2	42	13	5	4
	Total .	1	3	4	96	75	18	14
Chittagong . . .	Chittagong	...	...	1	41	34	2	10
	Grand Total of Lower Provinces.	67	202	43	1,323	1,245	193	203
Assam	Assam Valley Districts . .	...	2	...	30	18	1	4
	Sylhet	1	3	1	20	19	...	2
	Cachar	...	1	...	2	1	...	...
	Total .	1	6	1	52	38	1	6

Z.

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1889.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.			Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.
						Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.		
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge .	44	21	7	4	12	2	5	...	95
	Subordinate Judge	113	30	19	8	13	...	13	...	196
	Munsif . .	...	...	...	...	..	1	3	...	4
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	District Judge .	508	68	23	96	10	7	5	...	717
	Subordinate Judge	644	45	33	71	9	6	13	...	821
Appeals from Orders	District Judge .	133	42	2	6	...	3	2	...	188
	Subordinate Judge	126	25	2	12	2	2	4	...	173
	Munsif . .	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5
ASSAM.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	District Judge .	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Subordinate Judge	1	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	6
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	District Judge .	17	1	1	8	1	...	1	...	29
	Subordinate Judge	24	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	31
Appeals from Orders	District Judge .	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
	Subordinate Judge	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Munsif . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...

ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

Annual Statement 1 (Civil).

Statement showing the Number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases at the close of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts during 1889.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifs.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES.														NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED						Total number of miscellaneous cases decided.	NUMBER OF CIVIL APPEALS DECIDED				Total number of miscellaneous Cases before Appellate Courts decided.	Total receipts of Civil Courts.	Total charges of Civil Courts.
					OFFICERS EXERCISING BOTH ORIGINAL AND APPELLATE JURISDICTION.								OFFICERS EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ONLY.																			
					Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		Subordinate Judges.				Small Cause Court Judges with powers of a Subordinate Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.														
									Subordinate Judges only.		Sub-Judges with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.																				
					European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.*	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.†	Native.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
	Sq. miles.																														
Backergunge . . .	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	...	15	1,163	178	29,601	30,957	2,714	...	158	388	546	164	4,49,552	1,93,883
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	40	...	2	8,426	8,468	713	...	133	129	262	34	1,44,135	73,954
Beerbhoom . . .	1,756	794,428	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	17	...	48	6,661	6,726	592	...	230	199	429	29	1,39,053	82,071
Bhagulpore . . .	8,189	3,935,932	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	7	...	...	1,939	398	13,196	15,533	1,774	...	200	1,035	1,235	110	3,52,311	1,44,516
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	25	...	435	12,466	12,926	1,746	...	199	167	366	63	2,21,863	1,22,122
Chittagong . . .	2,567	1,132,341	1	10	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	5	...	153	16,111	16,269	1,551	...	135	893	1,028	170	2,48,263	1,53,097
Cuttack	8,205	3,571,932	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	1	632	108	10,914	11,655	1,073	...	100	178	278	77	1,54,651	79,328
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	14	...	14	5,017	257	22,690	27,978	1,680	...	356	682	1,038	170	4,19,202	2,06,497
Dinagepore . . .	5,352	1,668,697	1	5	..	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	5	...	7	1,033	778	8,038	9,856	474	...	189	41	230	24	1,36,382	87,235
Furreedpore . . .	2,267	1,631,734	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	9	...	8	726	54	17,712	18,500	1,014	...	160	508	668	87	2,48,624	1,20,032
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	705	1,617	2,325	754	...	240	201	441	66	1,43,891	80,737
Hooghly	1,699	1,650,386	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	...	18	6,790	225	19,278	26,311	3,766	...	350	554	904	88	4,00,867	1,92,052
Jessore	5,002	3,019,323	1	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	16	...	43	8,724	565	28,476	37,808	3,047	...	53	679	732	123	5,10,820	2,12,698

Midnapore	5,082	2,515,565	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	13	...	16	825	144	22,753	23,738	2,506	...	201	1,022	1,223	139	3,31,614	1,54,971
Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	16	574	92	11,078	11,760	717	...	355	54	409	22	1,54,602	1,02,556
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	9	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	11	...	145	28,505	28,661	1,688	...	142	1,055	1,197	85	4,73,139	1,66,695
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	43	...	...	14,772	14,815	905	...	543	...	543	61	2,13,145	97,477
Nuddea	2,755	1,655,721	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	...	18	8,644	70	6,108	14,740	1,316	...	221	135	356	35	1,90,686	1,29,660
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	2	...	...	1	..	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	5	...	7	600	294	4,295	5,196	1,114	...	242	271	513	110	1,89,069	1,03,316
Pubna and Bogra	3,342	2,045,121	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	13	1,543	98	8,890	10,544	899	...	188	296	484	84	1,88,643	1,03,915
Purneah	4,956	1,848,687	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	42	...	692	9,698	10,432	1,057	...	245	3	248	23	1,93,856	80,540
Rajshahye	4,309	2,051,090	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	10	677	95	8,780	9,562	824	...	291	6	297	30	1,62,381	87,990
Rungpore	6,370	2,680,354	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	6	...	1,576	15,340	16,922	964	..	124	311	435	32	2,41,296	1,25,022
Sarun	6,153	4,001,990	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	...	499	7,870	8,373	1,892	...	150	510	660	101	2,22,607	1,04,548
Shahabad	4,365	1,964,909	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	520	7,413	7,933	1,094	...	314	717	1,031	110	1,97,976	97,186
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	7	...	...	1	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	16	...	4	...	80	25,179	25,263	1,891	...	47	1,191	1,238	154	3,72,451	1,71,643
Tirhoot	6,338	5,215,507	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	11	...	437	9,802	10,250	1,338	...	178	1,147	1,325	149	3,33,676	1,20,195
24-Pergunnahs	2,097	1,618,420	1	6	...	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	15	...	25	6,507	346	25,582	32,460	3,458	...	814	296	1,110	232	4,61,530	2,45,318
Chota Nagpore	26,966	4,225,989	1	9	...	...	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	99	5,238	5,337	1,061	...	151	128	279	48	1,52,445	1,13,999
TOTAL	1,38,888	64,179,344	29	156	...	...	28	2	4	27	1	9	1	13	3	5	2	264	...	422	45,394	9,093	4,06,389	4,61,298	43,642	...	6,709	12,796	19,505	*2,620	76,48,730	37,53,448
Calcutta	8	433,219	...	...	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	401	...	27,191	...	...	27,592	1,667	1,865	...	...	1,865	366	9,82,721	11,34,814
GRAND TOTAL	1,38,896	64,612,563	29	156	10	3	28	2	4	27	1	9	1	13	5	7	2	264	401	422	72,585	9,093	4,06,389	4,88,890	45,309	1,865	6,709	12,796	21,370	2,986	86,31,451	48,88,262

* The officers shown in this column are Deputy Commissioners and Members of Civil Service who are invested with the original powers of Subordinate Judges.

† The officers shown in this column are Members of Civil Service who are invested with the powers of Munsifs and Assistant Commissioners.

Annual Statement 2 (Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

Suits for money or movable property.

Class of Tribunals	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	71,115	6,079	4,587	1,179	2,053	484	3,350	2,426	3,888	1,525	96,686
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	46,679	10,614	8,635	1,822	7,716	1,135	539	3,005	2,656	433	83,234
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	22,328	6,063	2,375	1,011	8,785	1,040	475	589	1,819	497	44,982
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	259	7	7	7	9	2	2	2	9	6	310
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	1,385	46	133	26	27	13	4	33	63	46	1,776
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	3,349	358	396	51	235	50	19	77	60	13	4,608
Chief Courts of Districts	44	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	3	53
Total	1,45,159	23,168	16,134	4,096	18,827	2,725	4,389	6,132	8,496	2,523	2,31,649
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts:—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	1,45,159	23,168	16,134	4,096	18,827	2,725	4,389	6,132	8,496	2,523	2,31,649
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.											
Presidency Small Cause Court	5,218	2,321	1,795	656	8,795	3,041	3,840	91	607	32	26,396
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	118	...	33	13	35	13	3	16	38	7	276
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	5,336	2,321	1,828	669	8,830	3,054	3,843	107	645	39	26,672

Suits under the Rent Law.

Class of Tribunals	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion, or for withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For Pottahs or Kabuliyats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.									
I.—Civil Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	1,84,800	892	179	113	8	308	39	333	1,86,632
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	657	8	...	1	2	7	15	4	694
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	24	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	28*
Total	1,85,572	904	139	114	10	315	54	337	1,87,445
II.—Revenue Courts.									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	5,270	35	145	25	5	158	14	8	5,660
District Courts:—Collectors	5,706	20	58	14	14	18	4	18	5,852
Total	10,976	55	203	39	19	176	18	26	11,512
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	1,96,548	959	342	153	29	491	72	363	1,98,957
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.									
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Title and other Suits.

Class of Tribunals	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for Declaratory Decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real Property, including Pre-emption, Foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious Endowments.	Suits to set aside Judgments, Contracts or Obligations on the ground of Fraud.	Suits for dissolution of Marriage.	Suits for enforcement of Matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to Religion and Caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of Partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	GRAND TOTAL.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	19,824	840	7,148	4,924	357	863	47	535	38	584	461	...	2	...	...	17	...	390	36,030	3,19,348
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83,234
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44,982
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	106	18	...	8	6	14	...	5	1	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	3	3	175	576
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	612	132	44	260	16	83	2	51	1	7	156	1	...	6	1	7	...	31	1,410	3,880
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,608
Chief Courts of Districts	19	...	...	...	...	3	1	3	5	1	...	...	3	5	...	...	261	11	312	393
Total	20,561	990	7,192	5,192	379	963	50	594	45	592	627	1	5	11	2	24	264	435	37,927	4,57,021
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,660
District Courts:—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,852
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,512
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	20,561	990	7,192	5,192	379	963	50	594	45	592	627	1	5	11	2	24	264	435	37,927	4,68,533
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,396
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	13	17	1	3	5	92	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	18	...	9	...	40	239	515
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	4
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
Total	13	17	1	3	5	92	...	...	6	...	41	3	...	18	...	9	4	40	252	26,924

* There is reason to believe that these figures are incorrect as it has been discovered that in certain districts applications under Sections 91, 93, 158, and 169 of the Bengal Tenancy Act, VIII of 1885, have been registered as Original Suits instead of as Miscellaneous Judicial Cases as required by the High Court Rule No. 3, dated 18th June 1888.

Annual Statement 3 (Civil).

Statement showing Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE DIFFERENT COURTS.																			TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS.
	VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R10.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R50.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R100.			VALUE NOT EXCEEDING R500.			Value not exceeding R1,000.	Value not exceeding R5,000.	Value not exceeding R10,000.	Value not exceeding R1,00,000.	Value exceeding R1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	TOTAL.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.								
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	5,089	56,185	6,220	25,829	90,610	15,942	34,896	23,483	6,086	27,594	15,131	6,443	5,381	...	..	...	...	459	3,19,348	2,17,46,269
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	14,766	...	...	68,468	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83,234	20,48,690
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	6,307	...	...	20,771	...	...	10,310	...	...	7,550	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	44,982	28,83,601
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	461	65	44	5	1	576	50,40,879
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	1	...	4	3,182	414	246	15	18	3,880	2,51,72,583
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	249	...	...	1,683	...	...	1,786	...	...	890	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	4,608	3,73,164
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	16	...	...	88	49	159	18	17	2	41	393	22,30,679
TOTAL	26,411	56,185	6,220	1,16,751	90,610	15,945	46,992	23,483	6,102	36,034	15,132	6,531	5,478	3,802	497	307	22	519	4,57,021	5,94,95,865
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..
Other Subordinate Courts	...	1,840	...	...	2,739	...	...	606	...	...	420	...	32	14	...	1	1	7	5,660	2,67,099
District Courts :—Collectors	...	1,184	...	...	2,764	...	...	903	...	...	800	...	123	69	1	1	...	7	5,852	4,77,145
TOTAL	...	3,024	...	...	5,503	...	...	1,509	...	...	1,220	...	155	83	1	2	1	14	11,512	7,44,244
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	26,411	59,209	6,220	1,16,751	96,113	15,945	46,992	24,992	6,102	36,034	16,352	6,531	5,633	3,885	498	309	23	533	4,68,533	6,02,40,109
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	6,876	...	...	11,637	...	...	3,214	...	...	3,714	...	...	580	375	...	...	.	..	26,396	22,64,325
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	9	130	86	49	2	239	515	25,05,193
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...
TOTAL	6,876	...	...	11,637	...	...	3,214	...	...	3,714	...		589	505	86	49	2	252	26,924	47,69,518

Annual Statement 4 (Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF SUITS BEFORE THE COURTS.							NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF.														AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS THE SUITS WERE PENDING.	
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1889.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 of Act XIV of 1882.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Section 99, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	WITHOUT TRIAL.			WITHOUT CONTEST.				ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION.		WITH CONTEST.		Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.		
									Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																							
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	63,615	319,348	37,775	856	474	6,141	428,209	37,903	691	33,629	10,624	54,370	17,388	127,473	1,140	737	202	61,112	14,821	322,187	68,118	33,111	155	72
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	8,228	83,234	792	10	68	1,069	93,401	934	256	21,820	970	9,755	5,107	34,109	1,026	103	61	7,688	3,307	84,202	8,265	97	47	32
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	3,185	44,982	179	5	73	760	49,184	106	193	7,149	496	5,681	6,298	16,891	116	84	32	6,389	2,065	45,394	3,684	55	43	27
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	309	576	36	8	6	16	951	7	1	14	14	100	35	199	1	2	...	219	46	631	313	225	256	134
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	1,832	3,880	760	33	9	94	6,608	708	18	108	76	690	97	1,035	3	32	3	1,244	347	3,653	2,247	1,589	251	116
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	483	4,608	214	2	5	103	5,415	137	23	1,033	36	530	281	1,902	48	4	...	634	318	4,809	469	7	41	32
Chief Courts of Districts	127	393	109	2	1	6	638	73	1	25	10	52	24	70	2	2	...	142	94	422	143	110	126	111
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits for money or movables	32,695	231,649	9,458	147	285	3,718	277,952	9,462	740	45,138	2,545	32,170	18,714	95,048	1,654	388	166	28,826	9,534	234,923	33,567	7,668	89	41
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits under the Rent Law	27,423	*187,445	23,207	444	237	3,542	242,298	23,208	213	14,633	7,461	29,239	9,243	83,989	573	242	38	38,925	5,297	189,853	29,237	14,027	144	72
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Title and other Suits	17,661	37,927	7,200	325	114	929	64,156	7,198	230	4,007	2,220	9,769	1,273	2,642	109	334	94	9,677	6,167	36,522	20,435	13,499	214	136
TOTAL	77,779	457,021	39,865	916	636	8,189	584,406	39,868	1,183	63,778	12,226	71,178	29,230	181,679	2,336	964	298	77,428	20,998	461,298	83,239	35,194	134	59
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																							
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,715	5,660	5,872	25	74	173	13,519	2	6	1,989	163	724	977	4,391	31	187	...	2,454	695	11,617	1,900	328	82	61
District Courts :—Collectors	10	5,852	1	...	...	14	5,877	5,871	2	...	1	1	...		...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	86
TOTAL	1,725	11,512	5,873	25	74	187	19,396	5,873	8	1,989	164	725	977	4,393	31	187	...	2,454	695	11,623	1,900	328	82	61
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	79,504	468,533	45,738	941	710	8,376	603,802	45,741	1,191	65,767	12,390	71,903	30,207	186,072	2,367	1,151	298	79,882	21,693	472,921	85,139	35,522	132	59
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
Presidency Small Cause Court	2,787	26,396	...	...	32	248	29,463	...	25	1,973	640	8,757	3,364	6,567	21	340	124	4,332	1,048	27,191	2,272	442	97	19
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	411	515	...	...	...	...	926	...	11	49	15	16	62	116	6	6	1	82	30	394	532	469	306	183
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	17	3	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	19	17	152	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	7	4	...	..	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	8	5	91	135
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	13	6	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	3	16	15	182	69
TOTAL	3,235	26,924	...	...	32	248	30,439	...	36	2,022	655	8,774	3,427	6,684	28	346	125	4,416	1,079	27,592	2,847	948	101	21

* There is reason to believe that these figures are incorrect as it has been discovered that in certain districts applications under Sections 91, 93, 158 and 169 of the Bengal Tenancy Act, VIII of 1885, have been registered as Original Suits instead of as Miscellaneous Judicial Cases as required by the High Court Rule No. 3, dated 18th June 1888.

Annual Statement 4 (Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES. (JUDICIAL.)

CLASS OF COURTS.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1889.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of												Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to Arbitration		With Contest.						
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on Remand.	Received on Review.	Revived.			Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	5,561	31,941	163	35	34	194	37,928	129	397	4,959	290	1,397	1,217	3,912	906	14	8	10,932	7,780		31,812	5,987	1,251	54
Small Cause Courts. As Small Cause Court Judges	209	2,541	2	...	...	10	2,762	3	42	148	23	95	38	240	27	...	...	985	902		2,500	259	2	29
Small Cause Courts. Under powers of Subordinate Judge	57	414	2	7	...	5	485	...	3	25	8	7	16	23	12	...	...	162	158		414	71	6	52
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	523	2,839	139	11	3	16	3,531	17	68	235	41	106	65	323	27	...	1	1,233	677		2,776	738	346	65
Chief Courts of Districts	852	6,691	38	2	4	41	7,628	194	66	479	94	140	16	4,201	243	3	1	514	383		6,140	1,294	269	54
TOTAL	7,202	44,426	344	55	41	266	52,334	343	576	5,846	456	1,745	1,352	8,699	1,215	17	10	13,826	9,900		43,642	8 349	1,874	53
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	80	627	8	1	...	6	722	...	77	125	...	6	2	117	2	1	...	165	57		552	170	10	38
District Courts:—Collectors	32	462	...	...	...	...	494	8	...	19	...	54	...	38	...	...	...	336	10		457	29	...	28
TOTAL	112	1,089	8	1	...	6	1,216	8	77	144	...	60	2	155	2	1	...	501	67		1,009	199	10	34
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	7,314	45,515	352	56	41	272	53,550	351	653	5,990	456	1,805	1,354	8,854	1,217	18	10	14,327	9,967		44,651	8,548	1,884	53
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
Presidency Small Cause Court	162	1,623	...	...	5	4	1,794	...	3	313	36	157	180	135	10	5	1	469	358		1,667	127	11	26
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
TOTAL	162	1,623	...	...	5	4	1,794	...	3	313	36	157	180	135	10	5	1	469	358		1,667	127	11	26

Annual Statement 5 (Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1889.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Heard ex-parte.					Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the Appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561 of Act XIV of 1882.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 626, Act XIV of 1882.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 558, 560.				Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District.	3,672	508	13,182	32	70	274	17,738	1,187	11	897	180	35	128	16	7,216	1,489	2,203	562	12,737	3,814	3,118	227	645
Covenanted Subordinate Judge	...	..	133	..	...	..	133	74	...	5	1		2	...	36	3	12	...	59	...	...	305	.
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	7,814	18,796	831	25	75	38	27,579	12,896	75	672	122	35	55	12	3,581	806	1,137	214	6,709	7,974	4,989	177	407
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables	1,972	3,790	2,710	16	9	64	8,561	2,705	38	303	70	8	53	8	1,998	316	714	95	3,603	2,253	1,608	192	150
In suits under the Rent Law	5,043	9,052	6,303	20	41	137	20,596	6,306	30	740	169	55	100	15	5,150	1,507	1,483	440	9,689	4,601	2,745	189	542
In Title and other suits	4,471	6,462	5,133	21	95	111	16,293	5,146	18	531	64	7	32	5	3,685	475	1,155	241	6,213	4,934	3,754	253	360
TOTAL	11,486	19,304	14,146	57	145	312	45,450	14,157	86	1,574	303	70	185	28	10,833	2,298	3,352	776	19,505	11,788	8,107	210	1,052
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts'.	79	550	...	...	...	...	629	...	9	17	16	3	5	3	269	43	76	71	512	117	52	67	1
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	11,565	19,854	14,146	57	145	312	46,079	14,157	95	1,591	319	73	190	31	11,102	2,341	3,428	847	20,017	11,905	8,159	206	1,053
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																							
Chief Court of Province. From decisions by Courts in the interior	425	303	9	4	...	...	741	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	157	26	51	12	295	446	359	394	55
From decisions on the Original side	16	40	..	...	...	...	56	...	...	6	...	...	2	...	11	2	9	1	31	25	19	129	..
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES.																							
Chief Court of Province. From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	1,738	2,563	...	...	...	...	4,306	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	1,152	56	113	167	1,538	2,768	2,115	236	66
From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on appeal in the Chief Court	...	30	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	29	...	106	...
TOTAL	2,179	2,941	9	4	...	...	5,133	...	...	105	...	...	2	...	1,321	84	173	180	1,865	3,268	2,493	259	121

Annual Statement 5 (Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS.

CLASS OF COURT.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1889.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days pending.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received on Review.	Received on Remand.	Revived.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
FIRST APPEALS.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	143	457	164	1	1	5	771	17	2	42	26	...	50	3	216	2	297	11	649	105	41	70	3
Covenanted Subordinate Judge	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	29	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	335	2,248	2	8	3	14	2,610	149	63	211	156	5	169	9	850	104	362	41	1,970	491	246	66	6
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	478	2,706	166	9	4	19	3,382	166	65	253	182	5	219	12	1,067	106	659	52	2,620	596	287	67	9
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	2	34	...	...	...	...	36	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	16	1	10	2	31	5	3	65	...
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	480	2,740	166	9	4	19	3,418	166	65	255	182	5	219	12	1,083	107	669	54	2,651	601	290	67	9
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
FIRST APPEALS.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Courts in the interior	92	193	...	...	...	...	285	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	148	4	33	9	204	81	50	137	...
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions on the Original side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	92	193	...	...	...	...	285	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	148	4	33	9	204	81	50	137	...
SECOND APPEALS.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	54	203	...	...	...	...	257	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1,115	...	34	9	162	95	62	151	...
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
TOTAL	54	203	...	...	...	...	257	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1,115	...	34	9	162	95	62	151	...

Annual Statement 6 (Civil).

Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.					APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.					Pending at the end of 1889.	Of these pending more than three months.	DETAILS OF ENTRIES IN COLUMN 9.						AMOUNT REALIZED.		NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.											
	Pending at the end of 1888.	Filed.		Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred.		Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.			Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Ditto without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which his movable property		On which his immovable property			On which possession was given		On which Partition was effected, Section 265.	On which Execution was otherwise effected.
		The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.			To another Court.	To the Collector.																Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Section 305, 332, or 336.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which Specific Performance was enforced.	Of Movables.	Of Immovables.		
																			R	R											
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																															
I.—Civil Courts.																															
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	60,819	283,089	7,818	430	352,155	3,836	12	152,210	132,791	288,849	63,306	17,660	89,853	62,357	113,529	38,681	133,756	18,454	72,30,345	11,62,744	381	1,292	10,938	5,430	42,036	893	29,867	156	116	6,259	63	8,590
Small Cause Courts	3,210	34,660	114	11	38,025	412	...	10,209	24,135	34,756	3,269	31	4,147	6,062	5,528	4,681	9,073	1,136	2,57,168	80,681	110	285	2,420	977	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	1,709
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	3,499	11,153	627	110	15,389	699	...	5,667	5,617	12,174	3,215	1,643	2,839	2,828	4,554	1,113	5,140	527	61,92,980	6,18,492	33	30	249	67	1,549	22	1,008	10	2	321	5	682
Chief Courts of Districts	294	1,021	373	36	1,724	306	1	542	503	1,352	372	205	352	190	469	73	496	56	5,67,037	32,932	5	5	22	28	161	..	116	...	...	25	1	65
Total	67,822	329,952	8,932	587	407,293	5,444	13	168,627	163,046	337,131	70,162	19,439	97,191	71,437	124,080	44,548	148,455	20,173	1,42,47,530	15,94,949	529	1,612	13,629	6,502	43,746	415	31,091	166	118	6,605	69	11,046
II.—Revenue Courts.																															
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...		...	..	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,335	6,250	314	219	8,118	7	36	3,436	3,192	6,673	1,445	148	2,495	941	2,990	546	3,349	87	2,00,090	3,095	7	20	508	831	751	3	681	...	17	100	...	29
District Courts :—Collectors	180	1,382	39	47	1,648	312	...	826	341	1,479	169	1	537	269	743	83	611	15	55,259	311	...	1	135	137	353	...	47	...	...	14	...	..
Total	1,515	7,632	353	266	9,766	319	38	4,262	3,533	8,152	1,614	149	3,032	1,230	3,633	629	4,160	102	2,55,359	4,406	7	21	643	968	1,104	3	728	...	17	114	..	29
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	69,337	337,584	9,285	853	417,059	5,763	51	172,890	166,579	345,283	71,776	19,588	100,223	72,667	127,713	45,177	152,615	20,275	1,45,02,889	18,99,255	536	1,633	14,272	7,470	44,850	418	31,819	166	135	6,719	69	11,075
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																															
Presidency Small Cause Courts	439	18,360	198	...	18,997	929	...	15,104	2,419	18,453	545	351	4,003	11,101	13,428	1,676	6,020	9,084	2,06,961	2,97,143	93	83	1,000	1,775	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction.	523	178	47	...	748	67	...	57	36	160	568	569	...	...	...	2	57	...	3	...	4	2	...	5	7	...	30	...	...	4	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Testamentary	3	4	...	..	7	...	...	1	..	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Total	965	18,542	245	...	19,752	996	...	15,162	2,455	18,613	1,139	926	4,003	11,101	13,428	1,678	6,078	9,084	2,06,961	2,97,143	97	85	1,001	1,780	7	...	30	...	...	58	...	...

Annual Statement 7 (Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1889.

Part I.—Showing the Number and Result of Applications under Section 344 and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.								
	Number of Applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number before the Court.				Disposed of.				
		Filed during the year							Granted.		Rejected.											Discharged.		
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	By judgment-debtor.		By decree-holders.	Received by transfer	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A Receiver being appointed.	A Receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.
		Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.																					
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered .	14	13	1	...	28	56	...	17	1	15	12	...	...	45	11	...	16	...	16	...	...	15	..	...
Chief Courts of Districts	41	167	93	...	...	301	28	58	26	43	74	5	...	234	67	24	72	...	96	..	1	61	9	23
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	55	180	94	...	28	357	28	75	27	58	86	5	...	279	78	24	88	...	112	...	1	76	9	23

Part II.—Showing the Number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the Hands of Receivers.				Amount of Creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of Insolvents' assets realised and outstanding.			
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realised assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
					R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	..	...	...	...	328	...	...	...	328	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	65	28	38	55	3,37,047	1,54,079	51,580	10,933	4,80,999	9,086	8,917	12,754	5,248
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	65	28	38	55	3,37,375	1,54,079	51,580	10,933	4,81,329	9,086	8,917	12,754	5,248

Annual Statement 8 (Civil).

Statement showing use of Assessors in the Civil Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1889.

Class of Court in which Jurors or Assessors were employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors	
I.—Civil Courts.												
Chief Court of District (or officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1880. — Assessors	2	...	106	...	...	...	...	...	32	49	25	
Total	2	...	106	...	...	...	...	...	32	49	25	

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